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Letter from the editor

Allāh ﷻ says: (And inspire the believers to fight) [al-Anfāl: 65]. It is from this verse that we derive the name of our new magazine. The word used in the verse is "*ĥariđ*" which is commonly translated as incite. However, the word should properly be translated as inspire, motivate, or encourage. The word *ĥariđ* in Arabic carries none of the negative connotations that the English word "incite" carries. To the contrary, it actually has the opposite meaning. The authoritative Arabic lexicon "*Taj al-Arus*" quotes the classical Arabic language scholar al-Zajjāj as saying that the verb *ĥariđ* comes from the adjective *ĥāriđ*, which means "a person or a being that is perishing." Therefore, he says that when you inspire someone towards something using the verb *ĥariđ*, you are saying that unless they do what you are inspiring them to do they would perish. So the word *ĥariđ* is an inspiration that saves a person and guides them towards what is good for them. *Ĥariđ* is the word used in the above-mentioned verse. According to this meaning by al-Zajjāj, Allāh is commanding His Messenger ﷺ to save the believers from perishing by inspiring them to fight. This meaning is supported by another verse in Qur'ān where Allāh ﷻ says: (O you who believe! Respond to the call of Allāh and His Messenger when they call you to what will give you life) [al-Anfāl: 24]. Imām al-Qurtubī states that this verse is referring to jihād. It is jihād that gives this nation life. We survive through jihād and perish without it. Our history is a testimony to that.

This Islāmic Magazine is geared towards making the Muslim a *mujāhid* in Allāh's path. Our intent is to give the most accurate presentation of Islām as followed by the *Şalaf as-Şālih*. Our concern for the *ummah* is worldwide and thus we try to touch upon all major issues while giving attention to the events unfolding in the Arabian Peninsula as we witness it on the ground. Jihād has been deconstructed in our age and thus its revival in comprehension and endeavor is of utmost importance for the Caliphate's manifestation.

Under the media foundation of **al-Malahem**, we present the first magazine to be issued by the al-Qā`idah Organization in the English language. In the West; in East, West and South Africa; in South and Southeast Asia and elsewhere are millions of Muslims whose first or second language is English. It is our intent for this magazine to be a platform to present the important issues facing the *ummah* today to the wide and dispersed English speaking Muslim readership. We also call upon and encourage our readers to contribute by sending their articles, comments or suggestions to us.

We ask Allāh ﷻ to assist us in this endeavor and to guide you and us towards the truth. ■

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Hear the World...
A collection of quotes from friend and foe

The soldiers that embarked the ship did not carry weapons in their hands; they were totally non-lethal instruments in their hands and they were attacked as you reported by knives, by axes, by logs; children, they were exposed to danger. [Member of Israeli cabinet, **Benny Begin**, another lie justifying the Israeli raid on the aid ships sailing to Gaza]

I love Usamah bin Ladin, I... **Walahi**... I love him... *pfft*... like I can't begin to tell you.
[The former Emir of Revolution Muslim, **Yousef al-Khattab**, as shown on CNN's "American al-Qaeda" documentary]

The problem of the *burqa* is not a religious problem. It is a problem concerning the freedom of women, the dignity of women. The *burqa* is not a religious symbol but a sign of subservience, of abasement. I want to say solemnly that it is not welcome on the territory of the French Republic. We cannot accept in our country women who are prisoners behind a grill, cut off from all social life, deprived of any identity. This is not the the French Republic's idea about the dignity of women.
[France's Presdient, **Nicholas Sarkozy**, on banning the *niqab* and *burqa*]

It is with no doubt that we today Muslims, followers of Islam, are attacked and occupied by foreign infidel forces. The Crusade has already started against Islam and Muslims with Cartoons about our beloved Prophet as war drums. Peaceful protest have achieved nothing. A fighter who gives his life to Allah can never disobey His commands; friends with peaceful protest, can you tell me a way to save the oppressed? You would have to agree to the fact that there's a force out there that's fighting the West, and is defeating them.
[**Faisal Shahzad**, NYC Times Square bomber in an e-mail]

You're seeing individuals who have been radicalized and who hold American citizenship who have been willing to undertake these missions against us. And it's pretty clear that people like Awlaki in Yemen and others see any kind of an attack inside the United States, even if it's a small scale attack, compared, say, to the World Trade Center, the Towers, who see that as a success for them. So that makes the challenge for the FBI and the intelligence agencies and the Department of Justice and local police that much tougher. Because you may not have a big, complex plot involving a lot of people that might be easier to detect.

[US Secretary of Defense, **Robert Gates**]

In the book, 'Decision Points', he will reveal all the bad decisions and mistakes that George Bush made as President... this is *volume one*.
[**David Letterman**, on George W. Bush's new memoir]

In a sense, they're almost bug lights for aspiring jihadists. They've got an anti-Western, anti-Democratic, anti-US, pro al-Qaeda message. [**Mitch Silber**, Director of Intelligence Analysis, NYPD, talking about the Islamic Thinkers Society based in NYC]

But also to be able to reach out to other faiths and find the common humanity that brings us all together. And I've heard words such as having tolerance for other faiths, and I've said that tolerance is such an ugly word, and it shouldn't be tolerance, it should be acceptance; we need to accept each other inside of Islam as Christianity did with the different faiths and we should be able to reach out to other faiths in acceptance and not just tolerance.
[**King `Abdullah II** of Jordan, on al-Arabiya Interview, openly accepting what Allah has rejected]

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Qā`idah al-Jihād in the Arabian Peninsula

The Operation of `Umar al-Fārūq al-Nigīrī
In Response to the American Aggression on Yemen

Praise be to Allāh who says: (And fight them until there is no more Fitnah (disbelief) and the religion (worship) will all be for Allāh Alone). And peace and blessing be upon the seal of the Prophets who said: «I have been given victory with fear a month prior to march». To proceed:

With the grace of Allāh alone the heroic martyrdom bomber brother `Umar al-Fārūq managed to carry out a special operation on an American Airplane, from the Dutch city Amsterdam to the American city Detroit, and this happened during the Christmas holiday, Friday December 25, 2009. He managed to penetrate all devices, modern advanced technology and security checkpoints in the international airports bravely without fear of death, relying on Allāh and defying the great myth of the American and international intelligence, and exposing how fragile they are, bringing their nose to the ground, and making them regret all that they spent on security technology.

Indeed, the unity of `aqīdah and brotherhood in Islām is what prompted the young man from Nigeria, the mujāhid brother `Umar al-Fārūq, to respond directly to the American aggression - the oppressor upon the Arabian Peninsula. And this was through direct coordination with the grace of Allāh, with the mujāhidīn in the Arabian Peninsula right after the brutal bombings including the use of cluster bombs and cruise missiles launched from U.S. warships in the occupied Gulf of Aden on the Yemenite tribes in the Abyan province and the last attack on Shabwa, as well as the killing of dozens of Muslim women and children and entire families; and these operations were coordinated from Yemen, America, Saudi Arabia and a number of neighboring countries.

The mujāhidīn brothers in the manufacturing department managed with the grace of Allāh to make an advanced bomb. The bomb had been tested and proven effective as it has passed through the detector ports. The martyrdom bomber managed with the grace of Allāh to reach his target, but due to a technical glitch, the bomb did not explode completely; and we will continue on our path until we get what we want, and all worship is devoted to Allāh alone.

We call on every Muslim who feels any jealousy for their religious beliefs to expel the polytheists from the Arabian Peninsula, by killing all of the crusaders working in embassies or otherwise, and to declare war against the crusaders in the land of the Prophet Muĥammad - peace be upon him - on the ground, sea and air.

And we call on every soldier working in the crusader armies and puppet governments to repent to Allāh and follow the example of the heroic mujāhid brother Niđāl Hassan; to stand up and kill all the crusaders by all means available to him, supporting the religion of Allāh and to make the word of Allāh most supreme on earth.

Hence, we say to the American people: as you support your leaders and are standing behind them to kill our women and children, rejoice for what is coming to you! We will come to you with slaughter and have prepared men who love death as you love life, and with the permission of Allāh we will come to you with something you cannot handle. As you have killed us, so shall you be killed, and that tomorrow for its seeker is close.

Those who are bent on wrongdoing will in time come to know how evil a turn their destinies are bound to take!

O Allāh make brother the mujāhid `Umar al-Fārūq steadfast on the truth, and send down to him inner peace, patience and persistence. O Allāh remove his misery and his problems. O Allāh remove him soon from his current situation as he never expected to be removed from. O Allāh free him and all the Muslims in the East and West from prison, without leaving the path of the truth, and let them leave prison steadfast on the truth with Your mercy, O Most Merciful. O Allāh grant victory to the righteous servants, the mujāhidīn everywhere, and defeat falsehood and the people of falsehood. All praise and thanks belongs to the Lord of the Worlds.

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The Chaste of Buraydah in the Prisons of Tyrants

And what is [the matter] with you that you fight not in the cause of Allāh and [for] the oppressed among men, women, and children who say, "Our Lord, take us out of this city of oppressive people and appoint for us from Yourself a protector and appoint for us from Yourself a helper"? [an-Nisā': 75]

On Sunday the 8th, Rabi` al-Awwal 1431, the 21st of February 2010, the city of Buraydah, the city of knowledge and scholars, was afflicted with the tragedy of the forces of the Ministry of Interior raiding the house of Muĥammad al-Mu`tiq and arresting him, his wife and his children. The forces also arrested the sister, the caller to Islām, Umm Rabāb (Haylah al-Qasīr), who has already spent a few months on a wanted list for the government because of her zeal for her religion, her calling to the oneness of Allāh, and her refusal of the plans of the crusaders.

This tragic event exposes the truth about the government of āl-Sa'ūd, the stooges of the Jews and Christians, and reveals their disregard for the honor of Muslims. They do not have any respect for the sanctity of Muslim homes, and they do not respect Muslim honor. This act on behalf of āl-Sa'ūd is a proof of their lowness, meanness, and evil. The honor that they violated is what the freemen fight and give away their lives for: whoever is killed defending his honor is a martyr.

Because of their disregard for the honor of the Muslims they raid the houses of the chaste Muslim women. They did not stop at chasing them away from their places of residence but went further to chase them and raid the houses of others who were offering them sanctuary.

Does this government, the government of āl-Sa'ūd, respect any of the rights of the Muslims? Is this how the chaste and respectable Muslim women are dragged away to police stations and army bases in a nation that claims to be ruled by Islām, for no reason but to satisfy their crusader masters? O Muslims is this how the honor of Muslims is violated in the land of revelation and the two holy mosques?

The āl-Sa'ūd government has given the worst examples of violating the sanctity of Muslims, and dishonoring them. They have given lessons in shamelessness that will remain a disgrace in the history of the Arabs, for the Arabs have not been afflicted in their long history with what they have experienced from this bandit that has turned its back towards our religion.

When the disbelievers during the time of the Messenger of Allāh wanted to break into his house, a woman screamed from inside so they said to one another: 'It would be a curse on us for the rest of time for people to say that we have climbed over the walls of the houses of our female cousins and violated their privacy.' But āl-Sa'ūd have raided the house of Brother Muĥammad al-Mu`tiq, terrified his children, arrested him and his family, and his daughter is still in the hospital because of the trauma of what has happened. May the curse of Allāh be upon the transgressors.

O free men of the Arabian Peninsula:

By staying silent in face of such aggression from this oppressive government, it would only encourage them to do more of the same: violating your sanctities and arresting your daughters and women. What will you answer Allāh when He asks you about your betrayal of the chaste and pure Muslim women?

In the end:

By the will of Allāh we will not allow this aggression to pass without us revenging for the honor of our Muslim sisters and we ask Allāh to assist us in releasing them and releasing every other Muslim brother and sister who is behind bars.

And those who transgress will know their end.

Al-Qā`idah Organization of the Arabian Peninsula
29th of Rabi` al-Thānī 1431 Hijrī

Questions we all should be asking

Has anyone realized yet that US soldiers in Iraq continue to get depressed & end up committing suicide because they serve a dishonorable cause that is a lie to the world?

What major catastrophic event upon the Western world will its leaders need in order to start actively listening to Usamah bin Ladin's demands?

Why hasn't anyone tried George W. Bush yet? Are one's crimes against humanity detestable only during their administration?

Isn't it clear that 'Democratic' France & Belgium's actions to ban the niqab have proved that they harbor tremendous revulsion for Islam itself? Obama's silent consent evidently conveys his 'new relationship' with the Muslims.

Why are Americans afraid of racial profiling in Arizona? Is it because the false sentiment of racism being vanquished is beginning to collapse?

Why does the vast majority of Western media outlets refer to jihadi media as 'propaganda' when every media outlet in the world has an agenda to propagate for the purpose of altering mindsets in one way or another?

The Way To Save The Earth

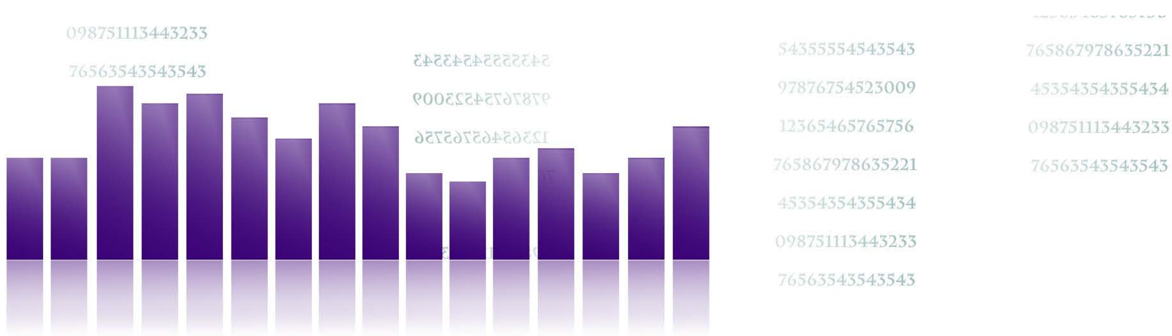
Usamah Bin Ladin

All praise is due to Allāh, who created the Creation to worship Him alone, and ordered them to follow good and avoid evil, and forbade them from corruption on land and in the sea. As to what follows:

This is a message to the whole world about those who cause climate change and its dangers – intentionally or unintentionally – and what we must do. Talk of climate change isn't extravagant speculation: it is a tangible fact which is not diminished by its being muddled by some greedy heads of major corporations. The effect of global warming have spread to all continents of the world. Drought, desertification and sands are advancing on one front, while on another front, torrential floods and huge storms the likes of which only used to be seen once every few decades now reoccur every few years. That's in addition to the islands which are quietly and calmly sinking under the waters of the oceans; and the pattern is accelerating and reports by organizations dealing with the affairs of displaced people estimate the displacement of as many as a billion humans during the next four decades as a result of this.

I am not about to talk here about partial solutions which merely lessen the harmful effects of global warming. Rather, I am going to talk about looking for a solution to the crisis at its roots. In front of the world are the records which show the huge numbers of victims of climate change, some of whom died of hunger and others of whom died of drowning.

In the same year in which [James E.] Hansen, NASA's senior expert, confirmed the seriousness of global warming, 140,000 died and 24 million were displaced in floods in Bangladesh alone; and the caravan of victims of climate change hasn't stopped since, so those behind it must be identified and a way of dealing with them specified. All industrialized countries, especially the major ones, bear responsibility for the global warming crisis, except that most of them have called on each other to commit to the Kyoto Protocol and have agreed to reduce emissions of harmful gases. However, Bush Junior – and prior to him, Congress – rejected this agreement in order to please the major corporations. They, therefore, are the real culprits behind the assault on the global climate, and this isn't the first of their crimes against humanity: they themselves were also behind the current global financial crisis, and they themselves were behind all the speculation, monopolization and price rises in peoples' sustenance. They are also behind globalization and its tragic consequences represented by its adding tens of millions of people to the ranks of the impoverished and unemployed. And then, when the culprits themselves fall victim to their own evil deeds, the presidents of countries rush to their rescue with public funds; and in this way, the people's wealth is seized without right twice: one time through corporate fraud and



monopolization, and another time through governmental deception and power.

Many senior capitalists are characterized by wickedness and hardheartedness, and thus they don't care about the human disasters caused by their economic activities. Words, conferences and demonstrations are of no use with such people.

Hansen spoke out and warned Americans about the seriousness of global warming in 1988, but they didn't respond to him. As for conferences, the Kyoto conference took place at the end of the last century, but they didn't respond to it. And as for demonstrations, not even the largest of them – much less the smaller ones – were able to deter them from their greed and tyranny. Prior to the invasion of Iraq in 2003, people throughout the world's continents took out million-strong demonstrations in which they echoed one phrase: "No to the spilling of red blood because of black oil." But the result was that the mob boss mocked them and gave orders to start the savage assault on innocent people in Iraq whose only sin in his eyes was the presence of black gold in their country. So they killed, wounded, orphaned, widowed and displaced more than 10 million Iraqis, and they are still murdering and pillaging. That's not to mention the crimes at Abū Ghraib and Guantanamo, those ugly crimes which shook the conscience of humanity. And after these lean years, there has been no mentionable change in the things which matter; and after all of this, their new proxy was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and he accepted it in an extreme example of the deception and humiliation of humanity.

With this, the bitter truth becomes clear, which is that the world has been kidnapped by the heads of major corporations who are steering it towards the abyss. The policies of the world today are not being steered with the power of superior intellects to serve the interest of the people; but rather, with the power of the motivation and greed of oil-robbers and warmongers, the beasts of predatory capitalism.

On the contrary, they continue to insist on meddling with world climate for the sake of acquiring wealth, even if that be at the cost of our children's lives.

Noam Chomsky was right when he pointed to a similarity between American policies and the policies of Mafia gangs. So they are the real terrorists, and drastic and decisive solutions are required to restrain and subdue them: restrain them from their sin and subdue their savagery; and I place in front of you a number of solutions. These are:

First: the corruption of the climate stems from the corruption of hearts and deeds, and there is a close relationship between the two types of corruption. We know that Allāh ﷻ has punished peoples with tsunamis due to the corruption of their hearts and deeds and their disobedience to Allāh, the Most High; among them were Pharaoh and his people. Allāh ﷻ says, **(Corruption has spread on land and in the sea because of what men's hands have wrought, that He may make them taste the fruit of some of their doings, so that they may turn back from evil)** [Ar-Rūm: 41]. Thus the happy one is he who learns his lesson, asks for forgiveness and dedicates all worship to Allāh ﷻ alone, who has no partner, through His final message to all of mankind.

Second: that we be economical in all of our affairs and avoid luxury and wastefulness, especially in food, drink, clothing, housing and energy.

Third: factories' emissions stop when the factories stop, and the way to achieve their stoppage is easy, simple and in your hands. The wheel of the American economy is like a bicycle wheel: if it loses one link in its chain, it stops moving; and among the links of the wheel of the American economy are raw materials, capital and consumers. We can affect all these links to varying degrees, but the last one is the weakest and our ability to influence it the greatest. So if the peoples of the world were to stop consuming American goods, this last link would become even weaker, leading in turn to a decrease in harmful gases.

Fourth: there must be accounting and punishment for those who head the major corporations and their political proxies, so that they stop their harmful actions against humanity. This is an easy thing for the American people, especially those affected by Hurricane Katrina and those without jobs as a result of the economic crisis, because the culprits live in their midst, particularly in Washington, New York and Texas. And here is their position at the Denmark conference demonstrating their evasiveness and how they are not serious about making the moves required to deal with climate change, as has also been shown by their denial of responsibility for previous catastrophes and their refusal to compensate the victims. On the contrary, they continue to insist on meddling with world climate for the sake of acquiring wealth, even if that be at the cost of our children's lives.

Fifth: we should refuse to do business with the dollar and get rid of it as soon as possible. I know that this action has huge consequences and massive repercussions; but it is an important way to liberate humanity from enslavement and servitude to America and its corporations. And whatever might be said about the repercussions of this decision, the fact is that remaining enslaved to them has great and more serious repercussions. An opportunity should be first given to individuals to get rid of the dollar and related currencies, inasmuch as states with large reserves of dollars – particularly in East Asia – are able to bear many of those repercussions. It isn't a secret that the dollar has lost more than 80% of its value against the euro since the latter's introduction, and the same is true for currencies tied to the dollar. Additionally, gold has risen more than 400% against the dollar since the events of September 11th, and the dollar is continuing to slide, by the grace of Allāh, and I reckon that its losses against the euro will be a whole lot more than 100%; and it's no secret to those familiar with military, political, economic and social sciences that America's star is waning, its economy is shriveling and the dollar's ship is sinking. And the happy one is he who learns from other's mistakes.

In closing, the world has before it a rare and historic opportunity to liberate itself from servitude to America, as the latter finds itself in a serious predicament – by the grace of Allāh ﷻ – drowning in the marshes of Iraq and lost in the passes of Afghanistan. The heroic *mujāhidīn* are inflicting on them severe moral and material losses, and they want to escape but cannot, and they are looking with sorrowful and dejected eyes at their rivals in the East and West whose situation has improved and wealth has increased following America's hemorrhaging and its preoccupation with combating the *mujāhidīn*; and for Allāh is all praise.

So to all people, all inhabitants of earth: it is neither just nor equitable nor wise nor smart that the burden be left on the *mujāhidīn* alone in an issue whose adverse effects concern the entire world. What is being asked of you is simple: it is that you tighten the embargo against them. So be earnest and take the initiative in boycotting them, in order to save yourselves, your wealth and your children from climate change and in order to live freely and honorably [instead of standing on] the steps of conferences and begging for your lives, for there is no good in a life which incurs humiliation. And wealthy states must stop lending to America, because to lend to it is to finance its tyrannical wars against the weak, particularly the one against your neighbors in Afghanistan. As for the *mujāhidūn*, they will – Allāh willing – persist in their fighting of the oppressors in Iraq and Afghanistan, in order to achieve truth, cancel falsehood and help the Muslims, especially in Palestine, and in order to defend weak and disaster-stricken people in Asia, Africa and South America who have neither strength nor power.

And our final prayer is that all praise is due to Allāh, Lord of the worlds.

Message to the People of Yemen

Dr. Ayman al-Żawāhirī

THIS AWAKENING[1] which aims to liberate the Arabian Peninsula from the Crusader invaders and their treasonous agents, and which is growing and prospering – with Allāh's help and guidance – despite all the campaigns of repression, misdirection and charlatanism, and despite all the obstacles, difficulties and hindrances.

This is why I call on the noble and defiant tribes of the Yemen and tell them: don't be less than your brothers in the defiant Pushtun and Baluch tribes who aided Allāh and His Messenger and made America and the Crusaders dizzy in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

O tribes of Yemen of *īmān* and *hikmah*, Yemen of honor and defiance, Yemen of *ribāṭ* and jihād: your brothers from the defiant Pushtun and Baluch tribes are making the Crusaders taste woe after woe, and are sending thousands of their lions to jihād in Afghānistān under the banner of *Amīr al-Mu'minīn*, Mullah Muĥammad `Umar Mujāhid – may Allāh protect him – and are disciplining the treasonous Pākistān Army, making it taste defeat after defeat and forcing it to make pacts with them in order to save itself from their fighting, and they are severing the supply route of the Crusaders from Pakistan to Afghanistan.

How, O noble and defiant tribes of Yemen, can you agree to let Yemen be a supply center for the Crusade against the Muslim countries? How can you agree to let the ruling authority in Yemen to be the CIA? As for `Abdullāh Şāliĥ and his gang, they're nothing but servants and slaves to it. How can you accept this treasonous traitor as your president and ruler, when he begs the pleasure of the Americans and their dollars by spilling the blood of the free, noble and honest men of Yemen?

O free ones of Yemen and its nobility; O people of jealousy, fervor and honor in it: I ask of you what *al-Haqq*, Blessed and Exalted is He, asked of His believing slaves, when He ﷻ said, **(O ye who believe! Be helpers of Allāh, as Jesus, son of Mary, said to his disciples, 'Who are my helpers in the cause of Allāh?' The disciples said, 'We are helpers of Allāh.' So a party of the Children of Israel believed while a party disbelieved. Then We aided those who believed against their enemy, and they became predominant)** [Al-Şaff: 14].

So be helpers of Allāh ﷻ, and don't be helpers of America! Be helpers of Allāh ﷻ, and don't be helpers of `Alī `Abdullāh Şāliĥ, the agent of the Crusaders, and be a help and support to your brother's the *mujāhidīn* and don't be a support to the Crusaders and their campaign which kills the Muslims in Afghanistan, Iraq and Palestine.

I ask Allāh ﷻ to grant resolve to our brothers, the *mujāhidīn* on the Arabian Peninsula and in beloved Yemen, and to protect them from the Crusaders and their agents, and to send down upon them His strong help and illuminating conquest and near release, and to make them a thorn in the throats of the Crusaders and their agents like the House of Sa`ūd and `Alī `Abdullāh Şāliĥ, who sold their religion, honor and countries so Crusader America would be pleased with them.

1 Taken from 'From Kābul to Mogadishu', As-Sahāb Media Foundation

NEWS FLASH

In an effort to defame Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), Molly Norris of Seattle created a facebook page, 'Everybody draw Mohammed Day' in which there are over 100,000 members, many of whom submitted insulting images.

Shaykh Abu Mustapha al-Yazid, the Amir of al-Qa'idah in Afghanistan was martyred in late May in an airstrike which also martyred his wife & 3 children. We ask Allah to accept them.

Alhamdullilah, Oil giant BP continues to lose billions of dollars with the oil spill. It is estimated that they have lost over $20 billion in revenues. After many attempts, they are unable to contain the leakage which can now be seen in Florida.

Peaceful protestors sailing from Turkey to Gaza were abruptly & violently stopped by Israel resulting in the murder of 9 protestors.

Obama announced a new American strategy which included changing the name of 'The war on Terrorism' to 'The war on al-Qa'idah'.

Jabir Shabwani, a govt. official involved in 'the war on al-Qa'idah', was killed in a US airstrike! This resulted in his father calling for a tribal war that ended in negotiations with the govt.

Interview with Shaykh Abu Basir

The head of al-Qa`idah in the Arabian Peninsula

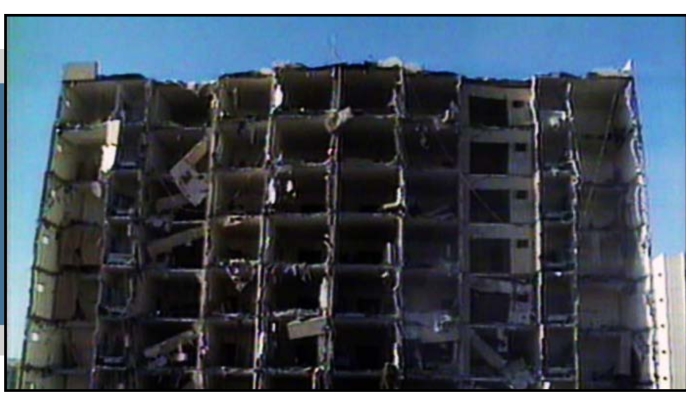
conducted by al-malahem staff

In the name of Allāh, the Most Gracious, the Ever Merciful. On behalf of the al-Malahem Media Foundation, we would like to present to our readers this interview that is exclusive to the Inspire Magazine with the Amīr of the al-Qā`idah Organization in the Arabian Peninsula, Shaykh Abū Basīr Nāşir al-Wuhayshī, may Allāh preserve him.

Q1: Shaykh, the al-Qā`idah of the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) is one of the oldest branches of the organization. Can you please give us a brief introduction to its history and objectives?

All praise is due to Allāh, the Lord of the Worlds. Jihād is an obligation from Allāh ﷻ. Young Muslims are brought up into it since the day the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ carried the sword until the last of this nation will fight against the False Messiah. Jihād will continue throughout the generations of Muslims.

The organization of al-Qā`idah is among these generations of Muslims who are carrying the responsibility of calling to Islām and defending the holy sites, the religion, honor and land since its foundation before three decades. Since 1990 when the Americans occupied the land of revelation, the youth of the Peninsula of Islām are defending their religion, their holy places and their land which their Messenger, peace be upon him, ordered to expel from it the disbelievers. They have executed a few operations against the Americans in and out of the Arabian Peninsula. The most famous are the Ulaya, al-Khobar, East Riyadh, USS Cole, Limburg, and the assassination of US soldiers in the island of Faylakah in Kuwait. The leaders of al-Qā`idah such as Shaykh al-Battār Yūsuf al-`Uyaīrī, `Abdul `Azīz al-Miqrin, and Shaykh Abū `Alī al-Ĥārithī and others led this war against the Americans in and outside of the Arabian Peninsula. We are proud with this legacy not only as Muslims but as freemen too. The organization of AQAP, as our beloved leader Shaykh Usāmah said: "With America entering into conflict with the sons of the land of the two holy places, it will forget the terrors of



Vietnam. And, by the will of Allāh, the upcoming victory in the land of Ĥijāz and Najd will make America forget the horrors of Vietnam and Beirut, by the permission of Allāh, Glorified and Exalted be He."

Our objectives are driving out the occupiers from the Arabian Peninsula and purifying its land from them, establishing the law of *sharī`ah*, the establishment of *khilāfah*, spreading the call to the oneness of Allāh ﷻ, defending against the transgressors and helping the weak.

Q2: After the last few operations, the media was mentioning that the AQAP is among the most dangerous branches of the organization. Why do you think there is this increased focus on the organization? And how serious is this danger?

All praise is due to Allāh, the Lord of the Worlds, Allāh ﷻ has blessed us with effective operations against the transgressing Americans and we ask Allāh to grant us more. The interest that is shown towards AQAP is because of the strategic importance of the Arabian Peninsula. This is the place of the revelation, the birthplace of Islām, the land of the two holy Mosques and the blood of the saĥāba runs through the veins of its sons. Because of the greed of the Americans, they have vital interests in the Arabian Peninsula. The passage ways of commerce pass through its waters and oil is stolen from it. So this place is a vein of life for the Americans.

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Thus they are focused on it and they do not want any conflicts in this area or any group that would protect the wealth of the Muslims and their religion. They fear that their plots would be foiled and their dreams brought to an end.

To answer your question on how serious the danger of AQAP is, I say that wherever there are *mujāhidīn*, there is danger awaiting the disbelievers. The *mujāhidīn* are one body and if one of them is somewhere you would find fear and terror spreading in that place.

All of the branches of al-Qā`idah have succeeded in powerful operations against the Americans and the latest is the car bomb in New York. The different branches have good competition in fighting the Americans and their allies. All of them want to win the race of destroying the idol (i.e., America) and to have the greatest share in that effort.

Q3: The first operation for AQAP outside of Yemen targeted Muĥammad bin Nayif, the Saudi Assistant Minister of Defense. Why Muĥammad bin Nayif? And what are the results of the operation?

All praise is due to Allāh, the targeting of Muĥammad bin Nayif was part of our effort to purify the Arabian Peninsula from the traitors. He and his ilk are the ones who allowed the Americans to set base in the Peninsula of Islām, playing the role of Abū Ruqāl in its worst forms. He is an American in the clothes of an Arab. If it wasn't for these traitors, the American airplanes wouldn't have bombed Iraq and Afghanistan from the airports of Kharj and Riyadh and others, and if wasn't for them, the Jews wouldn't have remained in Palestine for more than sixty years.

So this evil deformed person who is leading the war against the *mujāhidīn*, who is plotting against them day and night, and is implementing the American agenda, has led us to target him because of his actions.

Some of the results of this blessed operation are that it turned the attention of the *mujāhidīn* to target the leaders of disbelief and the plotters of evil and that reaching them is not difficult by the will of Allāh. This operation broke the legend of the infallibility of their security measures and made it clear that the heroic mujāhid - by properly concealing his device, not having any metal parts in it and putting his trust in Allāh ﷻ - can reach to his target without being exposed.

Q4: Regarding the operation of brother `Umar al-Fārūq – may Allāh hasten his release – on the Detroit flight, even though the device did not explode, analysts considered that the message intended by the operation has reached its destination. What is the message behind the operation? And what are the fruits of the operation?

All praise is due to Allāh, the operation of `Umar al-Fārūq – may Allāh hasten his release – is a strong blow to the coffin of the

American economy and is a slap in the face of the American security apparatus. He reached his destination and was able to break through all of the strict security barriers after passing through a few airports and was searched in them. But through the blessing of Allāh ﷻ, all security equipment failed to display his explosive device.

The message we intended on sending to the Americans is: “America will never enjoy security until we live it in Palestine and it is not fair for you to enjoy life while our brothers in Gaza are going through a difficult life.”

The fruits of the operation are many. Some of which:

- Great loss to the US economy which reached $41 billion and all of their security measures have gone with the wind.
- The fear which has spread throughout airports and security institutions has revealed to the American people that its security institutions are not to be counted upon.
- Delivering fear to the American people and creating a balance in fear and that security is not something that the government of Obama can control.
- Opening the door for many Muslim youth in the West who want to seek revenge from the Crusader states that are fighting Islām.

Q5: What does al-Qā`idah want from the West for it to stop targeting it?

What we want from the West is one thing: To stop aggression and oppression against the Muslim Nation and to withdraw out of its land. This solution was given by all of our leaders and in more than one occasion. The truce was offered by the one who has real authority to take such a decision on behalf of the Muslims, Shaykh Usāmah bin Lādin, may Allāh preserve him. His offer was refused. Whenever we offer a sound plan, they escalate in their stubbornness so we are left with no option but to defend ourselves and fight the transgressors.

The message we intended on sending to the Americans is: “America will never enjoy security until we live it in Palestine and it is not fair for you to enjoy life while our brothers in Gaza are going through a difficult life.”

If the West refrains from attacking us and oppressing our Nation, we will refrain from them. Otherwise we will have them drink from the same cup that they have the innocent from our Nation drink from.

Q6: A few places in Yemen were subjected to American bombings such as Abyan, Shabwa and Ma’arib. The traitor government claimed that they were preemptive strikes against al-Qā`idah. What is the reality of what happened? And did these operations weaken the organization?

The American culture is that of killing other people. How

many have the Americans killed from the Vietnamese, the Japanese, the Iraqi people, the Afghani people, and the Somali people, and how many have the Zionist allies killed from the sons of Palestine with the support of these bloodthirsty beasts? And finally they have killed tens from the tribe of *Bākāzim*, *Arĥab* and *al-`Awāliq*. They have killed women and children and lied by saying that these were preemptive strikes against al-Qā`idah in order to justify to their people that they have killed the leaders of al-Qā`idah.

has settled some previous scores while the women and children pay the price at the hand of the Americans.

And what are these accurate operations that have killed tens of children and women? If the pilot was ignorant of military matters he would still be able to tell the difference between tents of bedouins and military sites, but it is American hate and lust for killing others.

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anything to the Americans and will not weaken the organization by the blessings of Allāh. Instead they will only advance us further and push the Muslim people to stand with us. These reckless acts of the Americans will only reveal to the Muslim people the reality of the democracy of murder and destruction.

Q7: The traitor government media claimed that you have been killed along with your deputy and the military commander. It turned out that the whole claim was a lie. In your view why does the government lie in such a way? And what does that point out to?

The president of Yemen is a professional liar, especially when it comes to lying in order to extort money. Such lies bring in dollars from the Americans. They are gullible and he is creating for them fake victories.

As the caller to Islām, Shaykh Anwar al-`Awlakī, may Allāh preserve him, said: "The distinctive mark of the Yemeni government is lying. They are lying to their people. They are lying to the outside world. They are lying to everyone." They have been lying for thirty years. They lie against their people in an exposed fashion and this proves to us their inability to

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defend themselves let alone others and that the matter is out of their hands now. Thus, they have nothing else to do but lie and claim that we have killed so-and-so and imprisoned so-and-so. This is all in order that foreign assistance keeps flowing in.

Q8: Why does al-Qā`idah insist on operations against the West and especially America?

All praise is due to Allāh. America is the one forcing us to target it. These heinous crimes which the human soul rejects such as the cartoons of the Messenger ﷺ and holding celebrations and awarding those who curse the Prophet ﷺ require us to target the Americans. In fact they require us to wipe them out of the map completely. America is a cancer that needs to be removed along with the West that is supporting this criminal behavior and are banning the *niqāb* of the chaste and pure Muslim women.

The means of harming them are many so seek assistance from Allāh and do not be weak and you will find a way.

Thus, we insist on fighting against this oppression and aggression. The issue now is not fighting for peoples' lives, land or wealth as the obligation has become greater than that. The issue now is the defense of the Prophets and supporting them against these obscene people. For them there is no way out from the punishment of Allāh because Allāh ﷻ will protect His Messengers. Allāh ﷻ protects the believers so wouldn't he protect His Prophets who are the most beloved to Him and are the chosen ones of His creation?

Allāh ﷻ will give us victory against them and what America awaits in the coming days is greater and worse than what has passed by the will of Allāh:

Allāh ﷻ says: **(Say: "Do you await for us except one of the two best things [i.e., martyrdom or victory] while we await for you that Allāh will afflict you with punishment from Himself or at our hands? So wait; indeed we, along with you, are waiting)** [at-Taubah: 52]

Q9: In the end what is your advice to the Muslims in the West?

My advice to my Muslim brothers in the West is to acquire weapons and learn methods of war. They are living in a place where they can cause great harm to the enemy and where they can support the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ. There is no meaning in life if the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ is cursed while they listen to and see such crimes being committed in front of their eyes. It is not enough to defend him, may my father and mother be sacrificed for him, to participate in demonstrations and protests because these methods would not stop the West which is already used to them. The successful means are through explosive devices and sacrificing souls. That is a more pronounced and successful way of defending him and this is a practice started by the Ţālibān of Pakistan, Niđāl Ĥassan, and `Umar al-Fārūq, may Allāh release them and on this path are men who are coming to you by the will of Allāh.

O Muslims rise up in defense of your Messenger ﷺ: a man with his knife, a man with his gun, a man with his rifle, a man with his bomb, by learning how to design explosive devices, by burning down forests and buildings, or by running over them with your cars and trucks. The means of harming them are many so seek assistance from Allāh ﷻ and do not be weak and you will find a way. The rights of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ upon us are great and it is nothing for all of us to die for his sake; may our mothers be bereaved of us if we do not defend him ﷺ.

O Muslims you have no excuse in front of Allāh except if you fight in defense of his Messenger ﷺ. If you cannot fight, then you should emigrate from the land where he is being cursed because such a land is awaiting the wrath of Allāh. Especially that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ discouraged living amongst the disbelievers so how about living at ease amongst them when the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ is being attacked and you do nothing to defend him or leave the land where he is being cursed? What will you answer your Lord on the Day of Judgment?

If you fail to emigrate, then at least boycott the disbelievers and proclaim the oneness of Allāh ﷻ, *Walā'* and *Barā'* and pray to Allāh ﷻ to make a way out for you.

May Allāh ﷻ grant us success in giving victory to His religion and His Messenger ﷺ.

And all praises and thanks belong to Allāh, the Lord of the Worlds.

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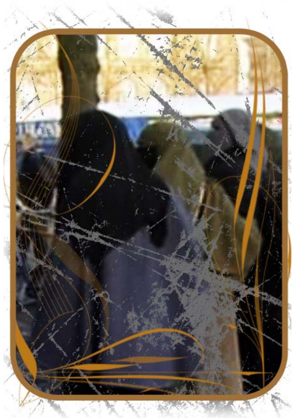
وَءَاتَى ٱلْمَالَ عَلَىٰ حُبِّهِۦ ذَوِى ٱلْقُرْبَىٰ وَٱلْيَتَٰمَىٰ وَٱلْمَسَٰكِينَ وَٱبْنَ ٱلسَّبِيلِ وَٱلسَّآئِلِينَ وَفِى ٱلرِّقَابِ

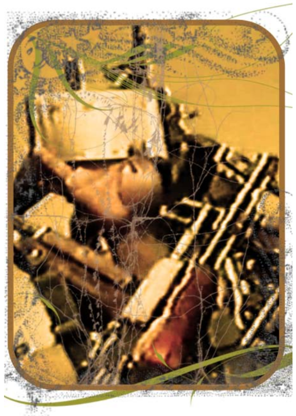
...And gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveler, those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves

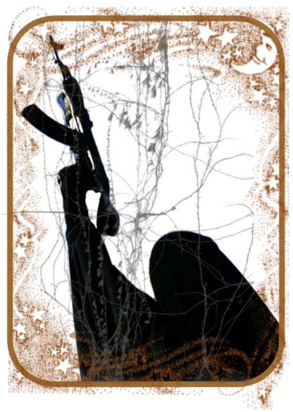
[al-Baqarah: 177]

The West should ban the Niqab covering its Real Face

Yahya Ibrahim







The Islāmic ruling on the obligation of the *niqāb* is disputed among the scholars of Islām. However, even those who do not mandate it do state that it is a recommended and virtuous act. In other words, to wear the *niqāb* is a Muslim woman's "right".

Over this "right", various legislative wars are being fought out throughout Western parliaments and courts. The war on Islām is taking different faces. There is a physical war being fought out in Afghanistan, Iraq, and now an escalating remote control war on Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia. There is a battle of hearts and minds fought out in the media and in academia, and then there is a legislative war being fought out in parliaments and courtrooms across Europe and North America, and the focus of this battle is the *niqāb*.

It is interesting how this item of clothing a Muslim woman may choose to wear would turn out to be the symbol, and point of contention, in an undergoing ideological battle between Islām and the West. The *niqāb* is today's manifestation of a clash of civilizations and an additional proof to a mounting body of evidence that the West is anything but tolerant towards its Muslim population.

In the words of the French President, Nicolas Sarkozy, we can see an illustration of a Western view of the *niqāb*: "The problem of the *burqa* is not a religious problem. It is a problem concerning the freedom of women, the dignity of women. The burqa is not a religious symbol but a sign of subservience, of abasement. I want to say solemnly that it is not welcome on the territory of the French Republic. We cannot accept in our country women who are prisoners behind a grill, cut off from all social life, deprived of any identity. This is not the French Republic's idea about the dignity of women."

This is quite a lot to pile up on top of this garment: The *niqāb* is a problem to the dignity of women, it is a symbol of subservience and abasement, it imprisons a woman and cuts her off and deprives her of her identity!

This is what the head of the French Republic had to say about the garment millions of Muslim women around the world wear and have been wearing for centuries. Let us also not forget that nothing used to be seen from the wives of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ; not even their eyes and according to Sarkozy, that is an abasement that deprives women of their identity.

The *mujāhidīn*, who are the true and honest representatives and spokesmen for Islām today, are straightforward in their opposition to Western imperialism and Western values that are being imposed on the Muslim world by force. But the West is hiding behind a *niqāb* of human rights, civil liberties, women's rights, gender equality and other rallying slogans while in practice it is being imperialistic, intolerant, chauvinistic and discriminating against the Muslim population of Western countries.

As mentioned above the *niqāb* is not mandatory on Muslim women according to many scholars. But because it is a right of Muslim women and because it has become a symbol of being a Muslim today, Muslims need to take a firm position in this battle and dig in their trenches.

For this reason we promote that Muslim women in the West who do not view wearing *niqāb* as being a religious duty to wear the *niqāb* as a public sign of their rejection

of forced assimilation, as a symbol of their pride at being Muslim, as a public statement that is carried as a badge of honor in face of a decadent Western way of life, and a statement that proclaims that even if I am not obliged to wear the *niqāb*, I will wear it because I refuse to have the West decide for me how I am going to practice my religion.

Muslim women wear the *niqāb* because they want to wear it and because they choose to. Our sisters need to dispel the Western myth that Muslim women need to be emancipated because they are being forced into wearing a garment they do not want to wear.

The ruling of the *niqāb* is irrelevant here. It would not have made much, if any, difference in the Western perception of the *niqāb* if the four *Imāms* agreed on the obligation of *niqāb* or if Imām Aĥmad or Ibn Taymīyyah didn't. The *niqāb* is carrying the weight it is carrying because it is a publicly visible sign of being a Muslim. Similar to the minarets it is a symbol of Islām. Whether the *niqāb* is an obligation or not, and the fact that the minarets are not actually rooted in Islāmic tradition are not important to the issue here because it is not the *niqāb* or the minaret that the West is against, it is Islām itself, and these are merely symbols for it.

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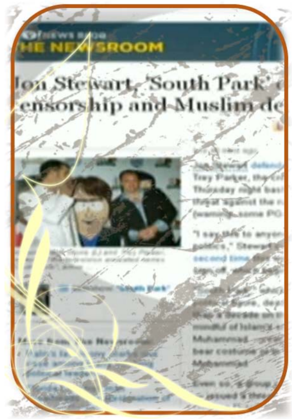
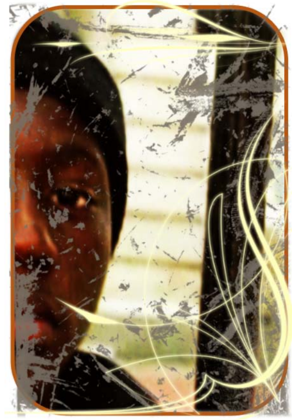
One may argue that the ruling is relevant and that the West is not against Islām because it is the *niqāb* that is under attack and not the veil. They may argue that the *niqāb* is under attack because it is a security risk and because many "experts" tell us that the *niqāb* is an Arabian rather than Islāmic costume and we are not against the veil which Muslims say is a religious practice that women must abide by. That is what some may argue. The answer to that is two-fold. First, as we have been witnessing, there is a gradual attack that is starting from bottom up. It is a step-by-step process that is meant to assimilate the Muslims gradually rather than overwhelm them at risk of alienating them. Second, the veil has in fact already suffered its own attacks. There are already cases where Muslim women who already have their faces uncovered are asked to take the next step of uncovering their head. This has happened in the US state of Georgia and in France and we should expect more.

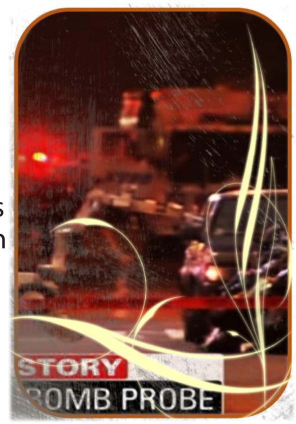
The evidence for the claim that it is Islām rather than the *niqāb* or the minaret that is under attack, is the torrent of cartoons defaming Muĥammad ﷺ under the pretext of the freedom of expression. Muslims are accused of being oversensitive and not getting the "joke". This claim is a joke in itself and it is the West that is not getting it. If the West has chosen not to take religion seriously because its religion has a history of intolerance and bloodshed, and is dogmatically inconsistent then that is the West's prerogative on whether to take their religions seriously or not. But why should that apply to Islām? If the Jews came to the conclusion that the Old Testament has simply too many injunctions for executing people to be taken seriously in today's world and the Christians had enough of the Pope's inquisition then they should actually be commended for distancing the Church from the State. But all of that has nothing to do with Islām because Islām is not a manmade religion; it is not a religion that has been tampered with as the rabbis and priests did with the other two Abrahamic faiths. The Qur'ān is original and Muslims are the only people on the face of the earth who possess a detailed and authentic history and record of statements made by any Prophet since Ādam all the way to Muĥammad ﷺ. Muslims know what the seal of the Prophets did and said, peace be upon him. The same cannot be said about the histories of either Moses or Jesus.

Therefore, we as Muslims do take Islām seriously and we take it literally. We also take the honor of Muĥammad ﷺ seriously and we love him dearly. Cartoons defaming Muĥammad ﷺ are no joke and Muslims have made that very clear, yet the defamation continues as we have recently seen with the South Park affair.

With the wars of *niqāb* being fought out and the defamation of Muĥammad continuing, and a physical battle being fought out in various parts of the Muslim world, one should only expect the West to remain a field of operation for the *mujāhidīn*. Within a short span of time there was Fort Hood, the operation of `Umar al-Fārūq, the attempt against the Swedish cartoonist and finally Times Square. There is no reason to believe that such attacks would abate.







> If there is no check on the freedom of your words, then let your hearts be open to the freedom of our actions
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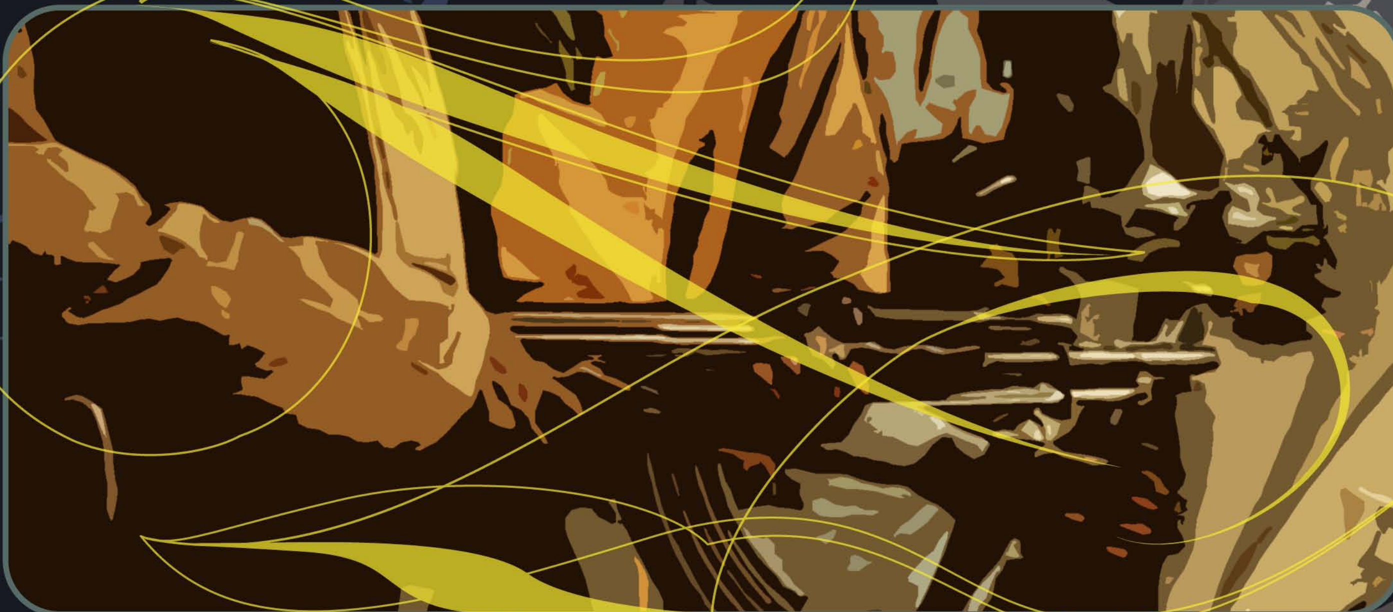
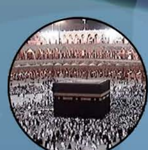
> Shaykh Usamah bin Ladin

The Cartoon Crusade



In spirit of defending the Messenger of Allāh, peace and blessings be upon him, we have dedicated a section of this issue for this purpose.



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Timeline of Events

2005

September 2005: Flemming Rose, the cultural editor of Jyllands-Posten, commissions twelve cartoonists to draw cartoons of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. They are published by the end of the month.

October 14, 2005: Two of the cartoonists are advised to go into hiding after receiving death threats.

December 7, 2005: Strikes against the cartoons begin on a regular basis in Pakistan and soon spread all over the West and Islamic world.

2006

January 27, 2006: The Jyllands-Posten's website was hacked using a denial-of-service attack.

February 2, 2006: The Islamic group based in Britain, al-Ghurabaa, publishes an article entitled, "Kill those who insult the Prophet Muhammad".

February 2, 2006: Danish company, Arla Foods, reports millions in losses from the worldwide boycotts.

February 3, 2006: Belgian newspaper, Het Volk, prints the cartoons and quotes Etienne Vermeersch as saying Belgian papers should publish such caricatures every week "so that Muslims can get used to the idea."

February 3, 2006: Hundreds of Muslims march from the London Central Mosque to the heavily protected Danish embassy chanting jihadi slogans.

February 3, 2006: Saudi Shaykh Badr bin Nader al-Mashar refers, in an audio message posted online, to the cartoon furor as "part of the war waged by the decadent West against the triumphant Islam" and issues a call "to the billion Muslims: where are your arms? Your enemies have trampled on the prophet. Rise up."

February 4, 2006: The building which houses the Chilean, Swedish, and Danish embassies in Damascus, Syria, is set on fire after being stormed by angry mob. As a response to this incident, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a warning urging Danish citizens in Syria to leave the country immediately.

February 4, 2006: The Danish newspaper Politiken reveals that Jyllands-Posten in 2003, denied an unsolicited submission that caricatured the resurrection of Jesus, with the reason, that it would lead to an outcry.

February 5, 2006: The Danish consulate in Beirut, Lebanon is set ablaze during a demonstration.

February 7, 2006: Thousands of protesters clash with police and NATO peacekeepers in Afghanistan. Five Norwegian soldiers are injured by grenade splinters.

February 7, 2006: 578 Danish websites are hacked within a span of week.

February 7, 2006: The Taliban urge Muslims to declare jihad over the cartoons.

February 14, 2006: The Italian minister Roberto Calderoli wears a t-shirt emblazoned with cartoons of Muhammad. Calderoli stated: "I have had T-shirts made with the cartoons that have upset Islam and I will start wearing them today. We have to put an end to this story that we can talk to these people. They only want to humiliate people. Full stop. And what are we becoming? The civilization of melted butter?"

2006

March 1, 2006: Salman Rushdie, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Taslima Nasrin, Bernard-Henri Lévy, Irshad Manji, Ibn Warraq are among a dozen writers to have put their names to a statement in a French weekly Charlie Hebdo paper warning against Islamic "totalitarianism". Charlie Hebdo reprinted the cartoons in France earlier on.

March 20, 2006: Police in Berlin overwhelm Amer Cheema, a student from Pakistan, as he enters the office building of Die Welt newspaper, armed with a large knife. Cheema admitted to trying to kill editor Roger Köppel for reprinting the Mohammad cartoons in the newspaper. On 1 May 2006, Cheema committed suicide in his prison cell. Cheema's family and Pakistani media claim he was tortured to death. 50,000 people attended Cheema's funeral near Lahore.

April 24, 2006: Shaykh Usamah bin Ladin reiterates the boycott of Danish products and the punishing of the cartoonists.

2007

February 12, 2007: Danish police arrested several people suspected of planning to assassinate the cartoonist who drew the turban cartoon. On the following day, Jyllands-Posten reprints one of the cartoons as a response to the arrests.

February 20, 2007: Shaykh Usamah bin Ladin threatens the EU over the reprinting of the cartoons.

August 18, 2007: In Sweden, The Orebro-based regional newspaper, Nerikes Allehanda, published a newly created cartoon from Lars Vilks which showed Muhammad, peace be upon him, as a dog. In a short span of time, the images spread to various other Swedish newspapers.

September 5, 2007: A Muslim woman in Western Sweden was arrested on charges of issuing a death threat against Lars Vilks in an e-mail. The sister confirmed in police interrogation that she had written the mail and said that she did not have any regrets about it.

September 15, 2007: The leader of the Islamic State of `Iraq, Abu `Umar al-Baghdadi, released an audio statement pertaining to Lars Vilks saying, "We announce a reward of $100,000 to anyone who kills this infidel criminal. This reward will be raised to $150,000 if he is slaughtered like a lamb." He also placed a reward of $50,000 on Ulf Johansson, editor-in-chief of Nerikes Allehanda.

2008

February 12, 2008: The Danish Security and Intelligence Service (PET) announced the arrest of three Muslims — two Tunisians and one Moroccan-born Dane — who were charged with planning to assassinate Westergaard. After the plot was foiled, the Danish secret service was made responsible for protecting Westergaard. He was placed under police surveillance when travelling to and from work. His house was fitted with steel doors, a panic room, reinforced glass in the windows and surveillance cameras.

2010

January 1, 2010: A 28-year-old Somali Muslim intruder armed with an axe and knife entered Kurt Westergaard's house shouting phrases like, "We will get our revenge!", "Revenge!" and "Blood!" He was subsequently shot and wounded by police within minutes of intrusion.

March 9, 2010: Seven Muslims were arrested in the Republic of Ireland over an alleged plot to assassinate Lars Vilks.

March 9, 2010: Colleen R. LaRose from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania suburbs, had her federal indictment unsealed charging her with trying to recruit mujahideen to assassinate Lars Vilks.

April 20, 2010: Molly Norris of Seattle, Washington posted on her Facebook page an annual competition called, 'Everybody Draw Mohammed Day'. She wrote that if millions of people draw pictures of Muhammad, Muslims would not be able to kill them all, and threats to do so would become unrealistic. After her call became widespread, she quickly retracted from her position. However, other Facebook users had carried on with the competition, and it is now led by an information technology specialist based in Toronto, Canada named Mimi. It's reported that there are over 100,000 fans on her facebook page.

May 11, 2010: Lars Vilks was giving a lecture at Uppsala University when, about ten minutes into the lecture, one man sitting in the front row suddenly rushed towards him. According to Vilks, the man struck him with his head. Other attackers rushed forward, but the police intervened and stopped the brothers. As a result, Vilks was slightly injured.

The Dust will never Settle down

Lars Vilks
Flemming Rose
Carsten Juste
Girt Wilders
Salman Rushdie
Kurt Westergaard
Ayaan Hirsi Ali
Ulf Johannson
Molly Norris

MAY OUR SOULS BE SACRIFICED FOR YOU!

Shaykh Anwar al-`Awlaki

If you have the right to slander the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ, we have the right to defend him. If it is part of your freedom of speech to defame Muḥammad ﷺ it is part of our religion to fight you.

I would like to express my thanks to my brothers at *Inspire* for inviting me to write the main article for the first issue of their new magazine. I would also like to commend them for having this subject, the defense of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ, as the main focus of this issue.

This effort, the effort of defending the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ, should not be limited to a particular group of Muslims such as the *mujāhidīn* but should be the effort of the *ummah*, the entire *ummah*. This is an issue that should unite the efforts of the Muslims worldwide.

When I delivered a lecture in defense of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ almost two years ago, I anticipated that the cartoon controversies along with the Muslim response to them were not going to be some isolated incidents that

would just fade away. My prediction was that the West would continue escalating its attacks and would only entrench itself deeper into blasphemy. I expected this, because the hatred the West holds towards Islām and the Prophet of Islām ﷺ is a smoldering fire only waiting for an opportunity, a chance, to vent itself through a "proper" channel within the boundaries set by Western laws and freedoms.

Outrageous slander, blatant smearing of Muĥammad ﷺ, desecration of the Qur'ān, and the insulting of over a billion Muslims worldwide are done under the pretext of "freedom of speech". They are never called what they really are: a deeply rooted historic hatred for Islām and Muslims. Yesterday it was in the name of Christianity; today it is in the name of Democracy.

Allāh says: **(Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, and what their breasts conceal is greater)** [āl-`Imrān: 118].

For these reasons, for this combined effect of an escalating problem, I gave my lecture the title, *The dust will never settle down*.

Today, two years later, the dust still hasn't settled down. In fact the dust cloud is only getting bigger.

Whenever the affair calms down, someone somewhere in the Western world is sure to flare it up again. From 2005 onwards the cycle of offense is unabated.

What the West is failing to realize is that these attacks are also serving as a mobilizing factor for the Muslims and are bringing more and more Muslims to the realization that jihād against the West is the only realistic solution for this problem along with a host of other problems that cannot be cured without fighting in the path of Allāh.

Muslims do love Muĥammad ﷺ and do want to defend his honor and their methods of doing so are varying. Muslims protested and demonstrated worldwide. They burned flags and struck effigies. They boycotted products manufactured by some of the countries involved. All of these acts of good were a manifestation of the solidarity of Muslims in defense of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ. On the other hand, there were some completely misguided efforts such as those of some of the callers to Islām who paid a visit to Denmark along with young Muslim boys and girls to start a dialogue in order to build bridges of understanding between the Muslims and the people of Denmark!

It is not enough to have the intention of doing good. One must do good in the proper way. So what is the proper solution to this growing campaign of defamation?

The medicine prescribed by the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ is the execution of those involved. A soul that is so debased, as to enjoy the ridicule of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ, the mercy to mankind; a soul that is so ungrateful towards its Lord that it defames the Prophet of the religion Allāh ﷻ has chosen for his creation does not deserve life, does not deserve to breathe the air created by Allāh ﷻ and enjoy a life provided for by Allāh ﷻ. Their proper abode is Hellfire.

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ called for the assassination of Kā`b bin al-Ashraf and there are other incidents of his companions killing those who spoke against him. There was a blacklist of names of people in Makkah that were to be killed even if found hanging on to the clothes of al Kā`ba, the holiest site in Islām. This list included, among others, women who sang poetry defaming Muĥammad ﷺ. Even though Muĥammad ﷺ prohibited the killing of women who are non-combatants, these women were an exception because of their unprecedented transgression.

There were some Muslim voices giving their interpretations as to why the US has not been involved in Europe's expression of hate. For myself it was only a matter of time before the US joins in. Now America has entered into the fray with full force. The 20th of May event overshadowed all what preceded it. America was the one missing link in

the chain. The chain is now full circle. The West has started this war and it will turn colossal. The West is awakening a sleeping giant.

We, by the will of Allāh will not back down from the defense of our beloved. We will fight for him, we will instigate, we will bomb and we will assassinate, and may our mothers be bereaved of us if we do not rise in his defense. It is the honor of the best of creation that is at stake and it is not much to set the world on fire for his sake.

To my Muslim brothers everywhere especially in the West: When the Ṣaĥāba, may Allāh be pleased with them, came back from a successful assassination mission against one of their enemies, the Prophet ﷺ met them on their return with a beaming face and said: «May these faces be successful». Who among you will be of those who will meet the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ on the Day of Judgment only to have him smile at you, pleased with your action, and hand you a drink from *al-Kauthar* because you rushed to his defense?

This is a golden opportunity to have the honor of performing an act in the service of Islām greater than any form of jihād. Defending the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ is a greater cause than fighting for Palestine, Afghanistan or Iraq; it is greater than fighting for the protection of Muslim life, honor or wealth. This is the pinnacle of all deeds and is waiting for the likes of Muĥammad bin Maslamah.

A cartoonist out of Seattle, Washington, named Molly Norris started the "*Everybody Draw Mohammed Day*". This snowball rolled out from between her evil fingers. She should be taken as a prime target of assassination along with others who participated in her campaign. This campaign is not a practice of freedom of speech, but is a nationwide mass movement of Americans joining their European counterparts in going out of their way to offend Muslims worldwide. They are expressing their hatred of the Messenger of Islām ﷺ through ridicule.

The large number of participants makes it easier for us because there are more targets to choose from in addition to the difficulty of the government offering all of them special protection. But even then our campaign should not be limited to only those who are active participants.

These perpetrators are not operating in a vacuum. Instead they are operating within a system that is offering them support and protection. The government, political parties, the police, the intelligence services, blogs, social networks, the media, and the list goes on, are part of a system within which the defamation of Islām is not only protected but promoted. The main elements in this system are the laws that make this blasphemy legal. Because they are practicing a "right" that is defended by the law, they have the backing of the entire Western political system. This would make the attacking of any Western target legal from an Islāmic viewpoint. The entire Western system is staunchly protecting and promoting the defamation of Muĥammad ﷺ and therefore, it is the entire Western system that is at war with Islām. Assassinations, bombings, and acts of arson are all legitimate forms of revenge against a system that relishes the sacrilege of Islām in the name of freedom.

We will fight for him, we will instigate, we will bomb and we will assassinate, and may our mothers be bereaved of us if we do not rise in his defense.

Western freedoms of expression guarantee the defamation of Islām but do not guarantee the right to speak about issues such as the Holocaust. When the cultural editor at Jyllands-Posten who posted the Muĥammad ﷺ cartoons wanted to publish cartoons on the Holocaust, he was placed on indefinite leave and the editor in chief of the newspaper said that Jyllands-Posten under no circumstances would publish the Holocaust cartoons.

Now, with the defamation of Muĥammad ﷺ reaching the shores of America, I wonder whether the patriotic American Muslim will still have the audacity to claim that he enjoys the right to be a Muslim in America? Does he understand that this right includes his duty to fight against those who blaspheme his Prophet ﷺ?

We invite Muslims worldwide to stand up in defense of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ and for their efforts to manifest in all appropriate means.

May Allāh make us of those who are honored with playing a part in the defense of the best of creation, Muĥammad ﷺ.

You may contact Shaykh Anwar through any of the emails listed on the contact page

In the name of Allāh, the Ever Gracious, the Eternally Merciful

From Usāmah to Obama.

Peace be upon those who follow the guidance. As to what follows:

If our messages can reach you by words, then they wouldn't have travelled by planes...

And indeed the message we intended to send to you through the plane of the hero \`Umar al-Fārūq, may Allāh free him, is to emphasize the previous message...

And was conveyed to you by the heroes of 9/11, and was repeated from before and after, and it is: America will never live in peace until we live its reality in Palestine.

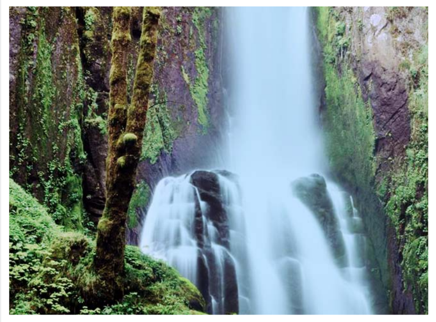
And it's unjust for you to enjoy life while our brothers in Gaza are going through the most difficult life. And thus, we, by the will of Allāh, will continue our attacks as long as your support of the Israeli's continue.

And peace be upon those who follow the guidance.

يا شهيدا قد انارا

O Martyr, You have illuminated!

What does it take for one to realize that his end is near? It takes reflection to come to the realization about the facts of life. The fact is that every soul is going to come to an end, completing the test of this world. Those who prepare with their utmost will be greeted with success. Those who lag in their preparation will have to face the consequences. The martyr who fights and dies in the path of Allāh, undoubtedly has the greatest chance of meeting his Lord as a victor. So what will your excuse be for restraining yourself from Paradise?



On the day every nation kneels
In the midst of the gathering
To be questioned about the responsibility
Have you accepted the call of the Messenger?
On the day that people will come in flocks
And the mighty ones from the people will come as a slave
Did you think it (residing on earth) was for eternity?
And a staying which would never end?
On that day what will we say?
A day which money will not benefit, or a friend or relative
They will all be to you as evil and harm.
Except those who obtained acceptance.
A day when people will fear the fire
and smoke and destruction
And humiliation and denegration
which minds cannot resist
On that day what will we say?...
On the day our flag will be calling
Where are you? Come to Jihād!
On the day the caller will scream out
Where, where are these minds [that will comprehend]?
On the day we will be asked about the [*ummah's*] honor
And [about] the weak and the orphans
Oh people fight in defense [of Islām]
For the martyr has acceptence (on that day)
On that day what will we say?
Oh Martyr, you have illuminated
Our path which is light and fire
For you have made the enemies suffer
He (the *shahīd*) is taking from the Path of the Prophet
In the gardens of eternity you are roaming
For it is the martyrs' destination
Sweetness, reward and nearness (to Allāh)
That day you are the victorious.
On that day what will we say?

Open Source Jihad

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Open Source Jihad

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A resource manual for those who loathe the tyrants; includes bomb making techniques, security measures, guerrilla tactics, weapons training and all other jihād related activities.

● informal A disaster for the repressive imperialistic nations: *The open source jihād is America's worst nightmare.*

● It allows Muslims to train at home instead of risking a dangerous travel abroad: *Look no further, the open source jihād is now at hands reach.*

Make a bomb in the kitchen of your Mom
The AQ Chef

Can I make an effective bomb that causes damage to the enemy from ingredients available in any kitchen in the world? The answer is yes. But before how, we ask why? It is because Allāh ﷻ says: **So fight in the cause of Allāh; you are not held responsible except for yourself. And inspire the believers [to join you] that perhaps Allāh will restrain the [military] might of those who disbelieve. And Allāh is greater in might and stronger in [exemplary] punishment** [an-Nisā': 84].

And it is also because every Muslim is required to defend his religion and nation. The Jews and Christians have dishonored the Muslims, desecrated our holy places, and cursed the beloved Prophet ﷺ. Today they are holding contests for the best blasphemy of Muĥammad ﷺ.

The Western governments today are waging a relentless war against Islam. They brought together a coalition and have the support of their population in invading and destroying Muslim land.

But there is a small band of sincere Muslims who are striking back at the enemy. The efforts of this small group of *mujāhidīn* have had a great effect in hindering the plans of the enemy. So now we have a balance of forces. As they kill Muslims, Muslims respond by killing among them. This is the effect of a small group of sincere *mujāhidīn*, so what would the effect be if the Muslim *ummah* wakes up?

There are many Muslims who have the zeal to defend the *ummah* but their vision is unclear. They believe that in order to defend the *ummah* they need to travel and join the *mujāhidīn* elsewhere and they must train in their camps. **But we tell the Muslims in America and Europe:** There is a better choice and easier one to give support to your *ummah*. That is individual work inside the West such as the operations of Niđāl Ĥassan and Faisal Shahzād. With a few "failed" operations - as they claim - the director of national intelligence was forced to resign. With a few more "failed" operations we may have the resignation of the President of the United States.

My Muslim brother, who wants to support the religion of Allāh: do not make too many calculations and forecasting of the results and consequences. It is true that `Umar al-Fārūq and his brothers Niđāl Ĥassan and Shahzād were imprisoned, but they have become heroes and icons that are examples to be followed. We ask Allāh ﷻ to grant them steadfastness. If they were sincere and steadfast, their imprisonment would be an increased status for them. The *ĥadīth* says: "If Allāh loves a people, He would put them through trials." The result of these trials would be the highest levels of Paradise, the pleasure of Allāh, heaven in the hearts in this world and eternal pleasure in the Afterlife. My Muslim brother: **we are conveying to you our military training right into your kitchen to relieve you of the difficulty of traveling to us.** If you are sincere in your intentions to serve the religion of Allāh ﷻ, then all what you have to do is enter your kitchen and make an explosive device that would damage the enemy if you put your trust in Allāh ﷻ and then use this explosive device properly. Here are the main qualities of this bomb:

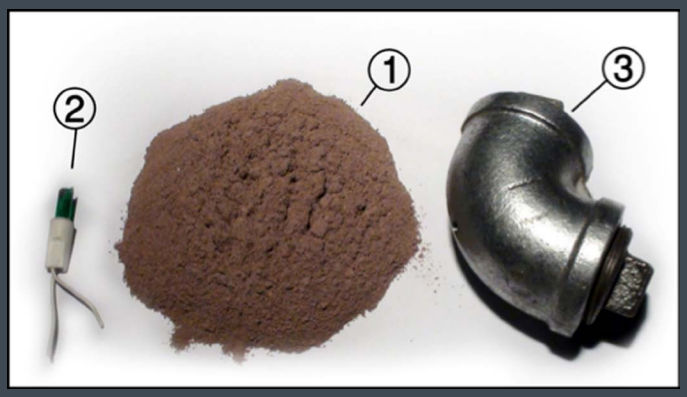
- Its ingredients are readily available.
- Buying these ingredients does not raise suspicion.
- It is easily disposed of if the enemy searches your home. Sniffing dogs are not trained to recognize them as bomb making ingredients.
- In one or two days the bomb could be ready to kill at least ten people. In a month you may make a bigger and more lethal bomb that could kill tens of people.

There are two types of explosions:

First: Chemical explosion. This explosion causes great pressure that would kill living beings within a certain radius. Examples are all the military grade explosives such as TNT, C4 and RDX.

Second: Mechanical explosion. This results from the burning of an inflammable material within a confined space. An example is putting gunpowder inside an iron pipe with a small opening enough only for a fuse. When the gunpowder is ignited, great pressure results from the gunpowder turning into gases and which result in the exploding of the iron pipe, turning it into shrapnel flying at high speed.

I. Preparation of the explosive device:



1. Inflammable substance
2. Decoration lamp (what is normally used for Christmas trees)
3. Iron pipe

A. Preparation of the inflammable substance

This substance is a mixture of two ingredients:

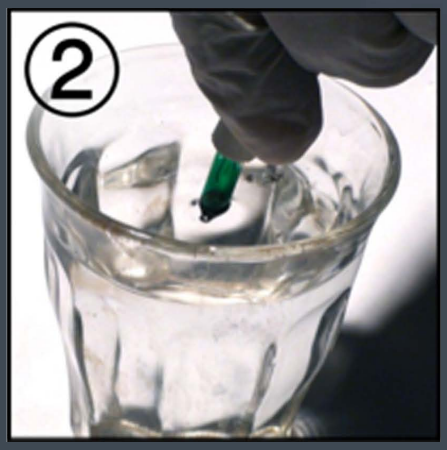
- The substance found in heads of matches
- Sugar

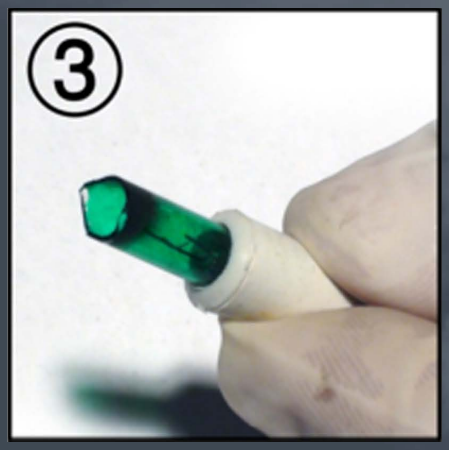
B. How to extract the inflammable substance:

1. Strike the head of the match softly with anything (here, we used a tube) to break up the inflammable substance.
2. Grind the substance and filter it to obtain a fine powder.
3. In the picture you will see the fine powder and you add to it sugar equivalent to ¼ its quantity.
4. Mix the two substances until they become uniform in color.

C. Preparation of the decoration lamp

We will proceed to break the top of the lamp by heating it. Make sure the filament does not break. The filament is the part which when electricity passes through it, it glows and produces light.



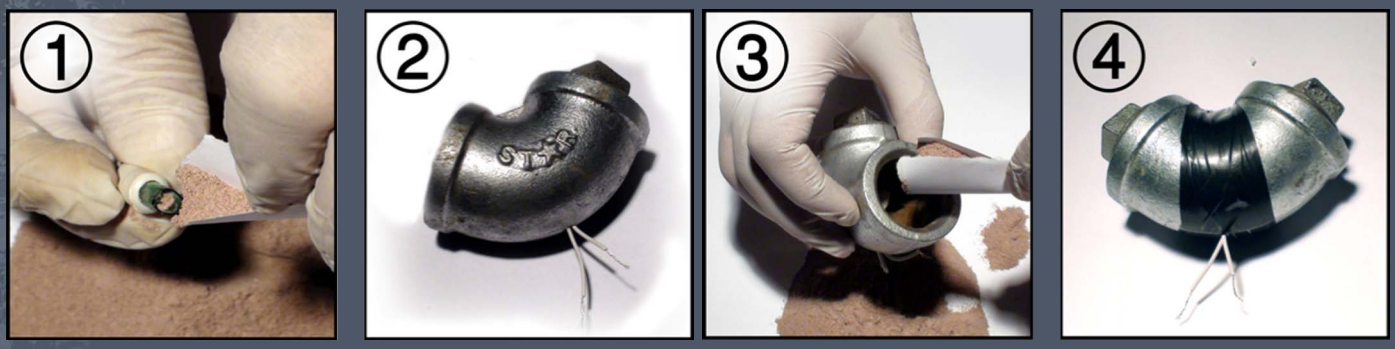


1. Heat the head of the lamp until it becomes black.
2. Place the lamp immediately in water while still hot.
3. Strike the tip of the lamp and it would break.

D. Preparation of the iron pipe:

- Drill a hole into the pipe
- The second image shows how the pipe looks after drilling a hole into it.

E. Final preparation of the device:



1. Pour some of the inflammable substance into the lamp. Do so gently in order not to tear the filament, which is very sensitive. The device would not explode if the filament is torn.
2. Insert the lamp into the pipe with the wires sticking out.
3. Fill in the pipe with the inflammable substance. Avoid having any of the substance on the treads of the pipe so that it won't ignite when closing the pipe.
4. Wrap tape around the pipe to close the hole which was drilled into the pipe only leaving the wires sticking out. The tape will surround the wires – closing any gaps in the pipe hole – and not be wrapped over them.

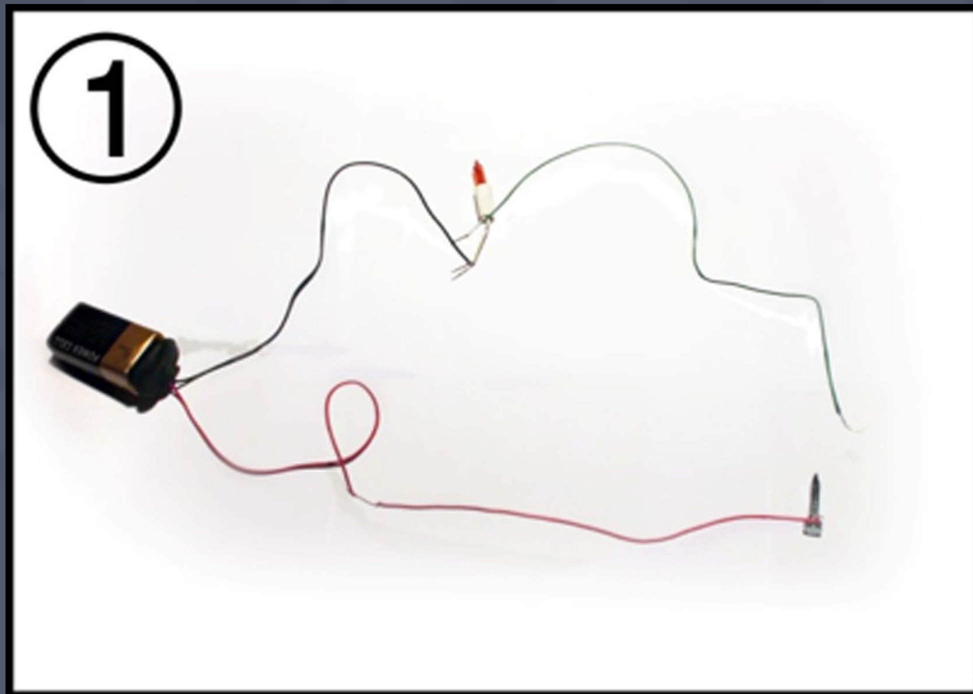
You may substitute the inflammable substance extracted from matches by gunpowder used in cartilages. You may also use powder from fireworks instead.

Note: You do not have to use one substance. You may mix together the substance from matches, gunpowder and fireworks but when doing so you need to mix it well.

II. The electricity source

A. Introduction

The importance of the electricity source in the explosive device is that it is the key in igniting the device. The electricity that is sufficient to turn on the small lamp is sufficient to cause the explosion. This electric current may reach to the lamp directly through a battery, by a timed circuit or by a remote controlled circuit.



We have chosen for you the timed circuit as it is simple. We set up a circuit which is composed of:

- A 9V battery.
- A wire connected to the "+" of the battery and a nail (the red wire)
- A wire connected to the "–" of the battery and a test lamp (the black wire). Note: you may use any small lamp here. Take notice that this is not the lamp we filled before with the inflammable substance.
- We connect from the other pole of the lamp a green wire. When this wire touches the nail the circuit is closed and the lamp should light.

Note: the colors of the wires here are for demonstration purposes.

Setting the Clock:

1. Connect the green wire which is connected to the lamp to one of the clock arms.
2. Insert the nail into the clock face. This way when the arm of the clock moves it will touch the nail and the lamp would light.

Steps for setting up the clock:

1. Disassemble the clock.
2. If you want to set up the explosion to occur within an hour, cut off the arms of the clock except for the minutes arm. If you want more than an hour, you cut off all arms except for the hour arm.
3. Make a hole in the face of the clock to insert the nail.
4. Insert the nail through the hole and connect the green wire to the hour arm. Make another hole if necessary for the green wire.

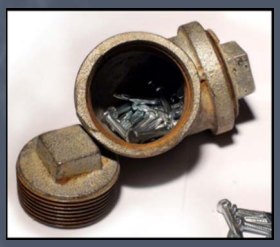
1. Figure 1 displays the electric circuit in the clock when the hour arm hasn't touched the nail.
2. Figure 2 displays the electric circuit in the clock when the hour arm has touched the nail, lighting up the lamp.
3. Now disconnect the test lamp from the circuit and connect instead of it the two wires coming out of the iron pipe. When the circuit is connected as in step two, the device would explode. You may hide the 9V battery inside the clock if you want to.

Take notice of the following:

- Make sure to cover all wires and also cover the battery in order to prevent any unwanted electric connections.
- Test the clock at least ten times on a test lamp to make sure it is working properly.
- It is better to use a small clock if concealment is important to you.

It is important to put a quantity of small nails on the surface of the iron pipe from the inside. You do that by sticking them to the wall of the pipe by using glue. The pipe used here is a 2 inch one. The inflammable substance used to fill it was extracted from 80 match heads.

The explosion that results from this device is a mechanical one. It results from the pressure caused by the gases and therefore it only works if contained in a high pressure environment. So you may use iron pipes, pressure cookers, fire extinguishers, or empty propane canisters. The point is that the inflammable substance needs to be



contained in a strong container that would allow the pressure to build up and thus cause a damaging explosion.

However in order to fill for example, a pressurized cooker with the substance from matches, it may take a lot of matches to do so and therefore you may want to use gunpowder or the powder from fireworks.

You need to also include shrapnel. The best shrapnel are the spherical shaped ones. As you can see in the figures below, you need to glue them to the surface of your canister. If steel pellets are not available you may use nails instead.

Above is a 2-inch iron pipe with nails inside it. You fill in the inflammable substance afterwards.

The next three points illustrated by the previous images are for shrapnel used with a gas canister.

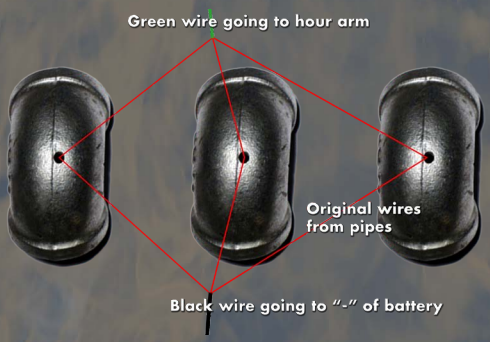
1. The shape of nails.
2. You may place the nails in a mold and pour glue over them and when dry you remove them from the mold.
3. Wrap the molded nails around the canister.

After wrapping the shrapnel around the canister, empty the canister from the gas and open the valve and fill it with the inflammable substance. Insert the lamp with the wires sticking out just as you did earlier with the iron pipe.

With that said, here are some important steps to take for an effective explosive device:
- Place the device in a crowded area.
- Camouflage the device with something that would not hinder the shrapnel such as cardboard.

The iron pipe method is effective if more than one is used simultaneously. To do so, bundle one wire from each pipe together and then bundle the remaining wires together as you may see in the illustration to the bottom right. One bundle would represent the green wire which connects to the clock's hour arm. The other bundle connects to the "-" on the battery.

The pressurized cooker is the most effective method. Glue the shrapnel to the inside of the pressurized cooker then fill in the cooker with the inflammable material. Insert the prepared lamp into the inflammable material gently in order not to break the filament of the lamp. Then have the wires sticking out of the hole in the lid of the cooker. Wrap some tape around the hole to seal any openings and connect the wires to the electric source in the same way as we did with the iron pipe.



The following are a few safety precautions:
1. Put you trust in Allāh and pray for the success of your operation. This is the most important rule.
2. Wear gloves throughout the preparation of the explosive to avoid leaving behind fingerprints.
3. This is an explosive device so take care during preparation and handling.

In this article we covered one of many ideas for the lone *mujāhid*. We ask Allāh ﷻ to assist our brothers in targeting His enemies and we ask Allāh ﷻ to grant us victory.

How to use Asrar al-Mujahideen: Sending & Receiving Encrypted Messages

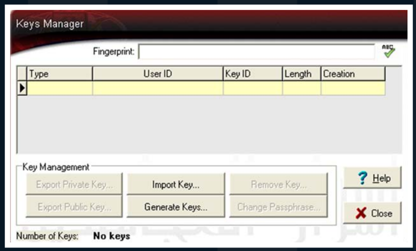
Sending an important message in the old days only required a piece of paper, a writing utensil, and a trustworthy messenger that knows the location of the party you need to reach. Today, this is still an effective method if such a messenger is available and can get around without anyone stopping him. However, for the most part, this method has slowly evaporated and is now replaced with the Internet. Its benefit is that if there is no messenger that exists, access to the other party is only a few clicks of a mouse button away. Its harm is that the spies are actively paying attention to the Emails, especially if you are an individual that is known to be jihādī-minded. So how does one go about sending important messages without it being noticed by the enemy? Following is one method and that is by using an encryption software.

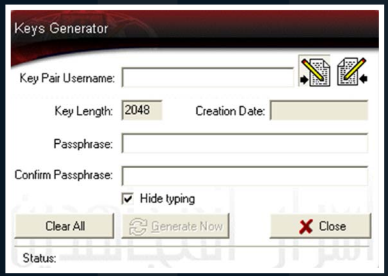
One such software is a program created by our brothers called Asrar al-Mujahideen 2.0. Here, we will discuss how to use this program, how to create your key, how to send and receive the public key of the other party, and how to check if your version of the software is forfeited or not. There are many things you can do with this program besides sending and receiving encrypted messages; we will cover those aspects in later issue, *In Shā' Allāh*.

I. CREATING YOUR KEY

After you download Asrar and open the program, you will see the main interface as is:

The first thing you need to do is create a key for yourself. So go ahead and click on 'Keys Manager' on the left hand side menu. You will get a small pop-up menu looking like the image to the left. Go ahead and click on 'Generate Keys' towards the bottom. You will get a pop-up looking like the image on the right:





In the first field, you type in your username that you would like to use; it has to be at least 5 characters. If you would like to use Arabic, you just have to click on the button to the far right to change the language. Then for the passphrase, enter in a password that is easy for you to remember, but difficult for anyone to figure out; it has to be at least 8 characters. Afterwards, click on 'Generate Now' at the bottom. This will take some time to create, so be patient. Mines took 10 minutes, so don't be surprised if it's longer.

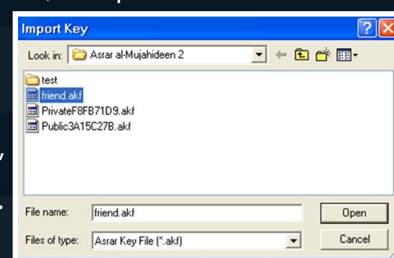
Afterwards, click 'Close'. Now you are back to the previous pop-up. Click on 'Import Key' and import both the public and private keys. When you do that, it should look like what I have below. When finished, click 'Close'.

So now, under the Anti-Symmetric Keys, you should have both your keys listed. The first key is your private key; the second is your public. When you send your key to other people, you always send your public key and never the private one. This is because if they have the private key, they will be asked for your password.

II. IMPORTING YOUR ASSOCIATE'S KEY

The next step is to import your associate's public key in order to communicate with him. But before we do that, we need to know how to export a key (pretending that you are the friend) and how to send that key. Click on 'Keys Manager' and click 'Export Public Key'. Here, you will notice that your Public Key is readily available from before, sitting in the folder that has the Asrar program. If you save, it's just going to overwrite the same file, so click 'Cancel'. Now access the folder that has your Asrar program and open your Public key using notepad. You will get the image to the left:

The code sitting in the middle of the two lines is the public key. What you do is copy the entire page, and send that to your associate via any communication method you use such as Email. So now let's pretend that you already sent it over Email and your associate accesses that Email and sees the code. What does he do with it? He needs to first open notepad, and copy and paste the entire code. Save the file (the name doesn't matter) and close it. Then rename the file extension; notepad ends with .txt so we need to change it to .akf by right click, choosing rename and changing the extension. If you are unable to change the extension, then you need to access your folder options in any open window and uncheck 'hide extensions for known file types' [Tools - Folder Options - View]. Once you change it to .akf, go back to the Asrar program and import that public key by clicking 'Keys Manager' and 'Import Key'. Choose the file and click 'Open' to import it. Once imported, click close.



III. ENCRYPTING THE MESSAGE

Now that you have your and your associate's key ready, it's time to send a message to him. On the main interface of Asrar, click on your private key (under 'Type', it starts with 'Pub/Priv') and then click the red arrow to the left of 'Local User (Private Key)' towards the middle. You will do this every single time you want to send a message to someone. Then click on your associate's public key and click the blue arrow to the left of 'Remote User (Public Key)'. You are clicking this because you want to send the message to this individual. If you make a mistake, you can always click 'Clear Key' to the right.

Now click on 'Messaging' on the menu bar. Here, you will see a variety of options. For now, we will stick to the tabs entitled, 'Message to Send' and 'Received Encrypted Message'. In the 'Message to Send', write a short message for your friend. If you want to change between Arabic and English, you can click on the buttons on the top right.

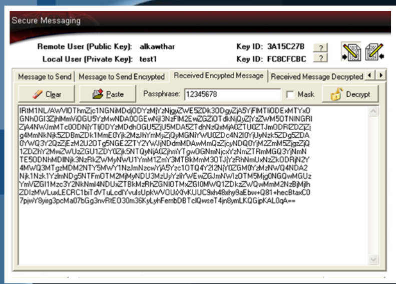
Once finished, click 'Encrypt'. The next step is to send the code between the two lines to your associate through a method that you both agreed upon. Make sure to only send the code in between and not the 'Begin' and 'End' lines since if the authorities or any administrator sees such, it may open the door for more difficulties.

IV. DECRYPTING THE MESSAGE

So now let's pretend that you are the associate and you just received a new message in your Inbox that has all this code. How do you decrypt this code?

First copy the code and open Asrar.[1] Click on your private key and choose the red arrow. Then click on your associate's

1 Keep in mind, you can only do this part if you have your associate's private key and password since you cannot decrypt your own message unless if you sent it to yourself originallay in the Asrar program; you can always create a set of test keys to try this out.



public key (that has sent the message) and choose the blue arrow. Click 'Messaging' and then click 'Received Encrypted Message'. In the Passphrase, enter your password. If your password is in English, make sure to click on the button that is left to the top right button. You can uncheck 'Mask' to see if you are entering in your password correctly. Once you enter your password, paste the code into the empty box below and click 'Decrypt'. It will then take a moment to decrypt. If the code decrypted successfully, you will see the secret message from your associate. If you get an error, then it could be because of any of the following reasons:

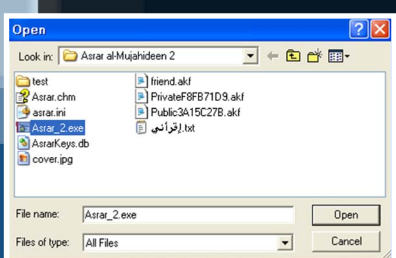
a) You have more than one 'Pub/Priv' key and you chose the wrong one or did not put it in the correct place (i.e., local user).
b) The message is intended for someone else.
c) You copied the code incorrectly; make sure that the code is left aligned. You can do this by pasting it into Microsoft Word or a Rich Text Editor.
d) Your associate did not copy the code correctly.
e) Your associate changed his public key and used a new one to send you the message.
f) You imported the wrong public key.

If you get an error, try to troubleshoot with these reasons in mind. The program is very easy to use, so it's easy to find where the error lies.

Lastly, you can click on 'Save' on the top right to save the message as a text file to your computer.

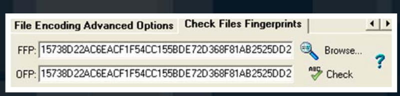
V. CHECKING THE AUTHENTICITY

Now before you start using Asrar to send and receive encrypted messages, you need to first check if your copy of the Asrar program is legit or not. This is because the enemy has created an Asrar program identical to what the brothers created; the only difference is that the enemy had built in a mechanism that would allow them to spy on your program if they were to just have access to your public key.

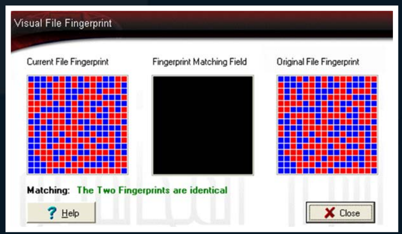


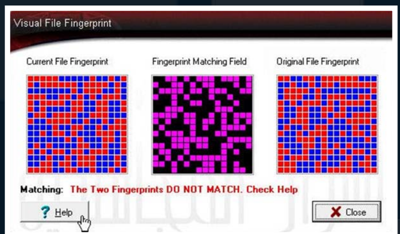
So how do you check the authenticity? First open Asrar. Towards the bottom, you will see a few tabs starting with 'Select File to Encrypt'. Click on the arrow pointing right to go to the last tab entitled, 'Check Files Fingerprints'. Click on 'Browse' and select your Asrar program.

Click 'Open'. You will then see in the FFP field a bunch of characters. Copy and Paste these characters onto the OFP field below.



Then click on 'Check'. A pop-up box will appear to immediately tell you if your copy of the program is legit or not. If it is legit, it will look like the image to the left. If it is not legit, it will look like the image to the right:





If your program is fraudulent, you would have to find the authentic copy over the Internet and download it and re-run the fingerprint check to make sure it's safe to use. If you have the authentic copy, it's good to story a few extra copies on various formats such as CD, DVD, External Storage Devices and whatnot.

VI. ADVICE

Finally, I would like to give some practical advice to the ones using this program. Firstly, don't trust the program 100% even though it's been proven to be effective and safe. Strive to use other means such as writing letters or leaving messages using special symbols in uninhabited areas. If you need to use the program to contact someone that you have no other way of contacting except through the Internet, then follow these procedures:

a) Never keep the Asrar program on your computer's hard drive. Always have it ready on a USB flash drive that you don't use for anything else. This is because if the Asrar program is available on the hard drive and you access the Internet with that computer, it's possible that the enemy will use spy programs to infiltrate your computer and figure out your password for your private key by recording your key strokes.

b) Don't use this USB flash drive whilst connected to the Internet. Keep your computer offline while writing, encrypting and decrypting messages.

c) Get in the habit of changing your private key password as much as possible. The ideal way would be to change it every time before compiling a new message. To change the password, click on, 'Keys Manager' and 'Change Passphrase'.

d) Use any program that provides USB flash drive protection just in case. Some flash drives now come with security protection; invest in security.

e) When you send your message to your associate over the Internet, use a proxy and an Internet connection that you don't regularly use (such as coffee shops).

f) If you and your associate will use Email as the primary means of communication, then obviously, don't use your regular public Email to send encrypted messages; create a new Email using a proxy and an Internet connection you don't regularly use.

g) Do careful research (using a proxy) and exploration to figure out other alternatives besides Email; if you are confident about its security, use it.

What to Expect in Jihad

Part One

Mukhtār Ĥassan

Knowing what to expect in jihād is vital in order to avoid confusion, shock, and even depression. The psychological state of mind one is required to have in jihād is far removed from what we see in jihādī videos. In simple language, it's not all about the shooting and ambushing of the enemy; rather it is much greater than this. Here, we will be covering numerous points throughout this series. The *transition in mindset* is what one needs to focus on when reading through these points.

Language Barrier

When coming to any land of jihad, it is important to be able to speak the local language fluently. If one doesn't, they will have great difficulty in getting around and communicating with the mujahidin. The biggest problem with this is not being able to talk to hold a proper conversation nor expressing oneself. At first, it doesn't bother one for some time as long as they know some basic expressions and words to get around. However, after weeks pass and as time goes on, it starts to have an effect on the heart. One will start to realize the importance of socializing because they will be left out of discussions and will not know what's going on except when directly addressed to do something. One would begin to miss their homeland, the comforts, the easiness in life and so on. In other words, the whispers of shaytan will hit very hard even though you might be a very strong individual.

A friend of mines who went for jihad in Afghanistan told me he was depressed for some time even though he had a translator at all times. When I inquired as to why, he told me that there was nobody he could really express himself to. This brings me to the next point.

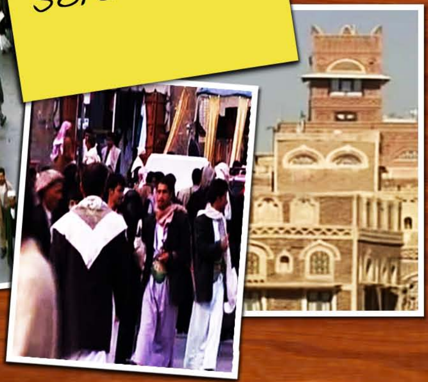
Not tackling the language makes you feel like a ghost

Bring a Companion

Part of being able to express yourself properly is by helping a close and trustworthy friend of yours to join you in the jihad. He should be a friend that understands you, and whom you trust. In jihad, as we will see later on, there will be long periods of downtime; so to have a companion is essential in staying steadfast and remaining patient. Of course, if you are unable to bring a companion, that doesn't excuse you from performing jihad.

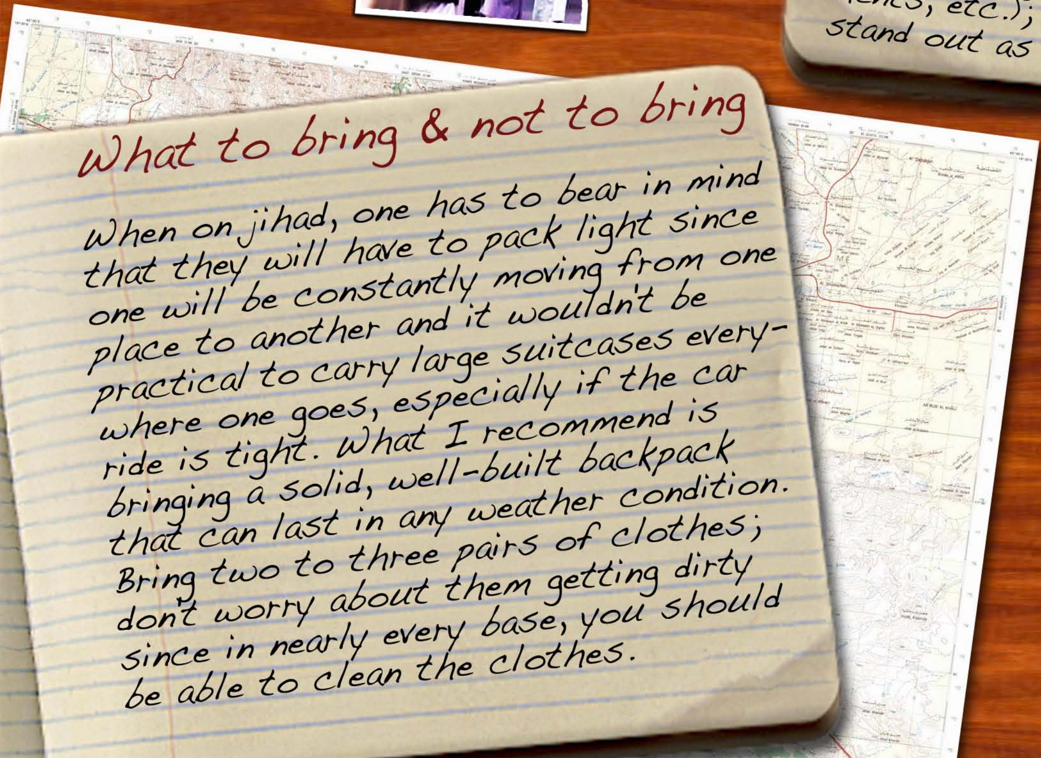
Having a friend makes a difference

Don't stick out like a sore thumb



Culture Blending

One should study the culture well before coming to the land. They should be aware of the dos and don'ts as well as the cultural practices which are impermissible in the shari'ah. In Yemen for example, one will see the people chewing qāt nearly everywhere he goes. If one doesn't know that it's haram to chew, they could easily be pressured by typical Yemeni's to chew it with them. In addition, it's important to know how they dress, the dialect they speak and the local customs (such as how they conduct wedding celebrations, hand movements, etc.); this is so that you don't stand out as a foreigner entirely.



What to bring & not to bring

When on jihad, one has to bear in mind that they will have to pack light since one will be constantly moving from one place to another and it wouldn't be practical to carry large suitcases everywhere one goes, especially if the car ride is tight. What I recommend is bringing a solid, well-built backpack that can last in any weather condition. Bring two to three pairs of clothes; don't worry about them getting dirty since in nearly every base, you should be able to clean the clothes.

Double check list of things to bring

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Bring your essential bodily cleansing items as well the gear appropriate to the weather conditions of the place you're going. It's also important to have a wrist watch that is water resistant, and can be lit in the dark. If you ever need to get something, usually the local amīr or an appointed individual can get it for you.

As for shoes, I recommend bringing flexible boots. In other words, boots that are comfortable enough to wear for long periods of time and easy enough to run in. That is because the terrains in most of the lands of jihad are a mixture of mountains, forests, swamps and deserts. Sneakers are good if they cover the ankle. Also, you should bring a pair of slippers/sandals for bathroom use or outside use if it's hot; but in most cases, at the bases of the mujahidin, these will be available for you to use. In short, you want to always have a solid pair of shoes so that you don't have any pain in your feet. As a guerilla fighter your feet would be on rough terrain; so invest in good footwear and anything else to help you move without any problem such as knee braces, ankle braces, gel soles, strong shoe laces, comfortable socks and so on.

Concerning electronic devices, in many cases, it will be entirely useless to carry a cell phone around since the mujahidin will not allow you to use it. If one needs to make a phone call, that can be organized by the mujahidin; but carrying a cell phone is useless, extra weight and dangerous if a SIM card is in place. If it's absolutely necessary for you to have one, then take out the battery and SIM card at all times until you are permitted to use it.

There is no problem bringing an mp3/mp4 player or laptop computer. There is usually some form of electricity to charge the device when needed. You may bring a camera but you first need permission to use it.

Finally, it's important to bring a few books. Obviously, the Qur'ān should be on this list. After that, I recommend bringing another book you can memorize such as a book of hadith or adhkar. Then bring a few reading books ranging from fiqh, shariʿah, politics, sirah, history etc. If you cannot speak the local language fluently, it's important to bring a pocket dictionary and carry it around with you everywhere.

Finally, bring a good jacket or vest jacket with many pockets. Make sure its good enough for the weather.

You don't want to pack too heavily, so think carefully about what you want to bring.

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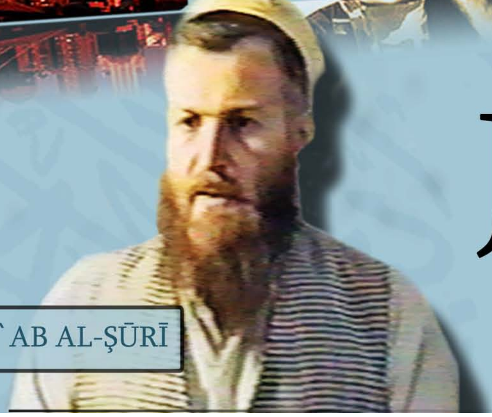


THE JIHĀDĪ EXPERIENCES

[THE SCHOOLS OF JIHĀD]

ABŪ MUṢ`AB AL-ṢŪRĪ

In accordance with our method,[1] our military theory was born through a study of our own experiences in the jihādī current, as well as through enduring and living in the field throughout the various stages. This is how I produce practical theories, as already defined.

These kinds of theories can only be formulated by those involved actively, with the success granted by Allāh the Almighty and Supreme. They are written for the battlefield. The details in their ideas have been accumulated in the field and during hours of reflection with the mujāhidūn warriors when they rested. We ask Allāh ﷻ to make us one of them. I turn my attention to an important matter, which is:

Most of what I will mention here is a specific organizational and military *ijtihād*, based upon my own experiences, studies and comparisons, and conversations with experienced *mujāhidūn* leaders and their cadre... most of these issues are not concerning the doctrines or the laws about what is *ĥarām* and *ĥalāl*. Rather, they are individual judgements based on lessons drawn from experience with the issues of opinion, war and stratagem.

In the summer of 1991, I already put down the first seed and essence of the idea, when the warning signs of [Operation] Desert Storm and its raging winds drifted towards us in Afghanistan. Thereafter, I developed it further with the earthquakes and tribulations of the latest jihādī experiences in Algeria. Then, it matured and took shape in my mind at the military camps and at the frontlines of the Islāmic Emirate of Afghanistan. I attempted to implement it in cooperation with the Islāmic Emirate. Then September came, and I could devote myself completely to formulating the idea in its final version after the tyrannical persecutions compelled us to a condition close to prison and house arrest. One of its advantages was that I could devote myself to continuing to follow the events, thinking, revising and writing. Three years have passed since the fall of Afghanistan, and historical changes have taken place that have altered the face of civilization and the course of history... The American campaigns started, with their new military methods, and their full-scale attacks everywhere... It has assured me of the truthfulness of these ideas - Allāh ﷻ knows everything - and made me more confident in them, and helped me develop and adjust them, so that they fit to the new reality. The balance of material power between us and our enemies has been shattered. It went to their favor, and then it collapsed.

Therefore, between us and them there is no material or military balance. It cannot be compared... If

1 The following text is taken from his book, 'The Global Islāmic Resistance Call', Ch.8 / Sec.4.

we decided to confront [them], and we regard this as a religious duty - which it truly is - I consider ideas like these, which I will set forth in detail in this section, with Allāh's permission, to be the only workable method, from the perspective of a total confrontation theory. I ask Him for victory, facilitation, inspiration with the truth, blessing, guidance and devotion altogether, and that He will crown His generosity by accepting my prayers. Truly, He is All-Hearing and Responsive.

REVIEW OF THE WAYS AND METHODS OF THE JIHĀD DURING THE JIHĀDĪ CURRENT (1963 - 2001):

As I talked about in detail in the sixth and seventh chapters of part one, the jihādī experiences began at the beginning of the 1960s, and continued until September 2001, when a new world started...

The observer of these experiences is able to categorize them based on their method of confrontation, into three schools of jihād. Every jihād that was fought during this period can be subsumed under one of these categories. The results are as follows:

A. The school of secret military organizations (regional-secret-hierarchical). They are the kind of jihādī experiences and organizations I talked about earlier. They adopted the jihādī ideology and conducted organizational work on the regional level, through a secret system and hierarchical network. The main goal was to topple the existing governments and systems, and to establish the Islāmic system through armed jihād.

A summary of the result:
1. Military failure; defeat in the field.
2. Security failure; disbandment of the secret organizations.
3. *Da`wah* failure; inability to mobilize the Islāmic *ummah*.
4. Educational failure; due to the secrecy.
5. Political failure; by not achieving the goal.

Result: Complete failure on all levels.

B. The school of open fronts and overt confrontations. They are the kind of experiences that took place in arenas of open confrontation. Most well-known are the recent experiences in Afghanistan, Bosnia, and Chechnya. The method used in these confrontations was to confront [the enemy] from permanent bases, and semi-regular guerrilla warfare.

A summary of the result:
1. Overwhelming military success.
2. Security success in curtailing the role of the intelligence.
3. *Da`wah* success; it mobilized the Islāmic *ummah* behind those issues.
4. Partial educational success in the military camps and at the fronts.
5. Political failure except in the case of Afghanistan, where an Islāmic state was established.

Result: Generally a success, and a complete success in Afghanistan.

C. The school of individual jihād and small cell terrorism. They are the kind of single operations that were carried out by individuals or small groups. These are some of the operations:
- Sayyid Nosair al-Maşrī and his killing of the big Zionist Kahane
- Ramzī Yūsuf al-Balochī and the first attempt to destroy the tower of New York.
- Al-Daqamsa, the Jordanian who killed the Zionist women on the border.
- Suleyman Khātir al-Maşrī, who killed guards on the Israeli border.
- The single operations during the Gulf War... and the list is long...

And the summary:
1. Military success; making the enemy tremble.
2. Security success; because these are operations that do not lead to the failure of establishing new cells [in the future].
3. *Da`wah* success; it mobilized the Islāmic *ummah*.
4. Educational failure; due to the absence of a program.
5. Political failure; due to the absence of a program that could transform it into a phenomenon.

Result: Success in confusing the enemy and activating the Islāmic *ummah*.

So, we have arrived at the discussion of these three schools, in our search for the best method of resistance today. We find the following:

As I summarized in the table above, this school led to complete failure on all levels. I do not say these words about this method as a critic from outside. Rather, I have been one of its leaders, agitators, and organizational theorists, Allāh ﷻ is gracious and I pray to Him for devotion and acceptance.

But I look upon the methods as a means, and not as idols. We should use those methods that have given us a proven benefit, and leave behind those methods that have been surpassed by time. Otherwise, we will *also* be surpassed by time.

True, I have mentioned before that the September events put an end to the remnants of the secret organizations of the jihādī current – in particular the Arab ones – the repercussions of those events collectively destroyed what remained of those organizations, and left most of their soldiers killed or captured. But this is not the reason for the termination of this school. In practice, this school terminated ten years before that, with the onset of the New World Order in 1990.

Throughout the last decade of the 20th century, programs for fighting terrorism were able to disband those organizations security-wise, militarily defeat them, isolate them from their masses [of followers], damage their reputation, dry out their financial sources, make their elements homeless, and put them in a state of constant fear, starvation, and lack of funds and people. This was a reality that I knew, as other old jihādī's like me knew as well.

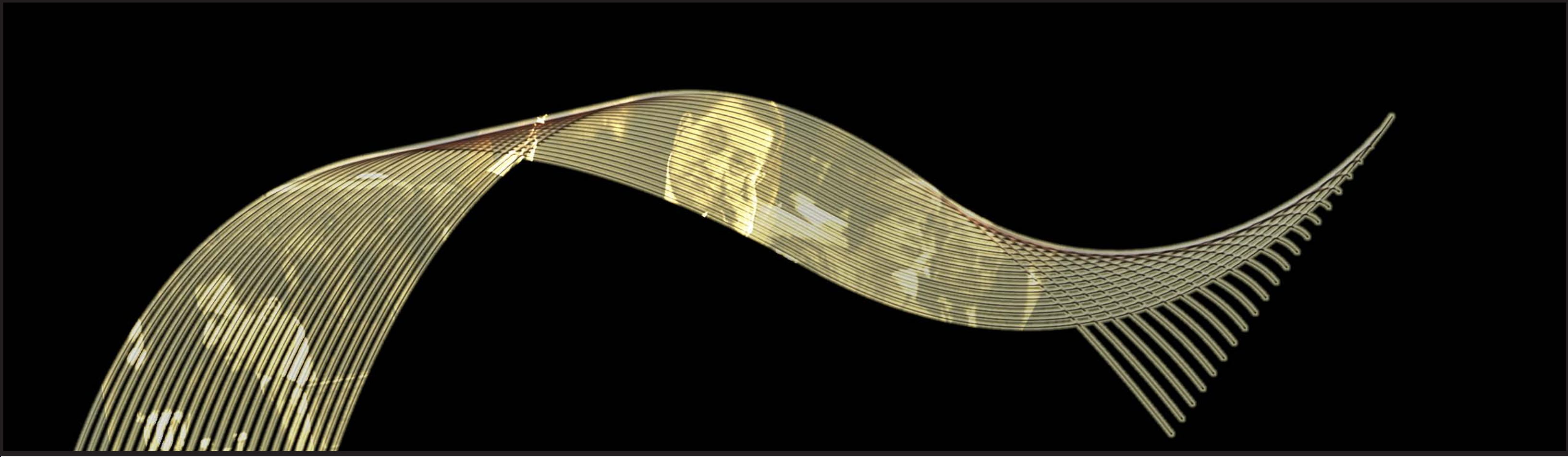
Gradually, those secret organizations vanished and disbanded, and small groups of the remaining [jihādī's] became refugees in the East and the West, persecuted, with their families, children, and individuals from their organizations. Fugitives of religion and though, scorned upon here and there, they hardly produce anything...

The regime of the Dead Pharaoh Ĥassān II terminated, even before it started, the early attempt to form a jihādī organization by The Moroccan Youth Organization (*tandhīm al-shabibah al-maghribīyyah*) in Morocco at the outset of the sixties.

This is also what the regime of Chadli Bendjedid in Algeria did in the middle of the seventies, when it destroyed The Islāmic State Movement (*ĥarakat ad-dawlah al-islāmīyyah*) without much difficulty.

The security regime of the heretic Nusayrī Ba`th regime in Syria was able to destroy The Fighting Vanguard of the Muslim Brotherhood (*at-talī`ah al-muqātilah lil-ikhwān il-muslimīn*), after an armed revolution that lasted about a decade, ten years before the emergence of the New World Order, and twenty years before September... and it completely annihilated it.

The criminal Pharaonic regime in Egypt under Hosnī [Mubārak]'s leadership – may Allāh never bless him or people of his kind – was able to put an end to all the jihādī organizations in Egypt, one after the other. The last of them were the secret organizations *al-jihād* and The Islāmic Group (*al-jamā`ah al-islāmīyyah*), which were destroyed in the middle of the nineties. Egyptian intelligence disbanded their cells and the government captured most of their members and followers, and this happened years before the September events.



You can say the same thing about what happened in Libya, where Ghadāffī's regime terminated two major attempts, in the middle of the eighties and in the middle of the nineties.

This was repeated when the jihādī organizations in every Arab and Islāmic country clashed with even the weakest security and intelligence regimes in Arab and Islāmic countries! I briefly mention this here, as the details of this have been given in chapter 6-7 in Part One of the book. It culminated in the great cleansing and the most overwhelming success of the Arab security regime, which took place recently in Algeria between 1991 and 1997, in spite of all the propitious conditions for success that this experience offered. Then, the secret organizations' last jihādī pulsation in Yemen and in Lebanon faded away at the end of the 20th century.

The local security regimes in our countries were able to put an end to those attempts, due to the Arab and regional system of coordination. Their results came when the coordination reached the international level. Thus, as I said above in detail, this is a summary of the results of our method:

- Our secret organizations were militarily defeated in all the confrontations. Yes, we won many of the battles, but we lost the war in all the [jihādī] experiences and confrontations. I do not spend time on discussions with the obstinate, for reality is the greatest witness.
- Our secret organizations were defeated in terms of security, their cells were exposed and disbanded, and the attempts to build them were aborted. The security system of the enemy reached a level where even attempts to build cells were subjected to abortive strikes, before they were founded, or at their embryonic stage.
- In those experiences, we failed drastically with regards to the agitation for jihād. The jihādī organizations were not able to reach out to the masses, or to become popular, in spite of the truth they were holding. The number of their supporters did not exceed the hundreds, or maybe tens, in countries with multi-million-size populations.
- The jihādī organizations also failed on the level of educating, preparing, and training their members for confrontation in the field of ideology, doctrine, program, security, as well as in the domain of politics and military expertise... except in limited cases. This was especially true after the start of the confrontations, because none of these secret organizations were able to complete the programs of preparation and building under the slogan 'building through battle' (*al-bina' min khilāl al-ma`rakah*), when the secrecy and the security conditions prevented that. In this way, the cadre and the supporters that had been formed through lengthy education were expended [i.e., killed or captured], and the level of education declined among the succeeding bases of cadre. This has happened in most of the experiences.

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In the end, and due to the complete failure in the details, the complete failure manifested itself in the inability to realize the goals of the general project.

Let us now, on the basis of this summary, turn our attention to the result of these methods, in light of the current reality after the onset of the New World Order, and especially after September and the campaigns of fighting terrorism:

If the methods of 'the hierarchical, regional, secret organizations' in confronting the local security regimes completely failed over the past decades, just imagine how much more we will fail in confronting the security apparatus of the New World Order, and the onset of the worldwide war to fight terrorism with all its security, military, ideological, political and economic means...?! This is no longer possible. Rather, if we insist on using these methods under the current circumstances, it is – in my opinion – like committing suicide and insisting on failure. It verges on the crime of deceiving the simple-minded Muslim youth who are dedicated to jihād. It means assuming responsibility for their destruction on roads that have proven to yield failure. We paid the price of precious blood for this discovery.

The fault was not the methods of the secret organizations, nor the organizations in general, but it was the changes of time, and the premises of the new reality after 1990, which made those methods destructive. During some of the lectures in Afghanistan, I gave an example to explain this, and I will repeat it here... Let us say you have a strong and excellent electric machine, but it only works with the old electric system, 110 volts. Then, as happened in our countries as well, all sources of electricity are transformed into 220 volts. What will happen if you insist on using it?! The machine will catch fire, and strike your electric system, and maybe give you an electric shock as well!! It is for certain that the weakness is not in the machine, because it is perfect and suitable for working in its time, but the new surrounding conditions have made it outdated, and its natural place has become the museum! In a corner of a closet, as a monument from the past. Your love for it, your memories with it, and the fact that it is your parents' heritage will not change a single bit of the reality. The machine was not any longer suitable for work. The time has changed and the machine has retired from service. This is what the New World Order did with our organizatory machine, the regional secret hierarchical model in spite of its splendour. As a result, significant phenomena occurred, a summary of which we will mention here:

1. The battle between the governments and the jihādī organizations lasted throughout the sixties, seventies and eighties, for many years, until the governments were able to destroy the jihādī organizations. This happened after devastating battles and large losses for the governments. The jihād in Syria lasted for about ten years of confrontation (1973-1983), and in Egypt it was the same or longer. But look at Algeria, where in spite of the perfect premises for jihād and excellent conditions for the jihādī movement, the attempt was crushed during four years (1992-1995)! And the confrontations and the attempts that took place at the end of the nineties and at the beginning of the 21st century only took a few days to destroy! In Lebanon, the organization of Abū `Ā'isha, may Allāh have mercy upon him, which was built over several years, was destroyed in five days! And in Yemen, the movement of Abū al-Ĥassan al-Miĥdār, may Allāh have mercy upon him, was finished in three days, and so on... This confirms that the old machine was no longer suitable, except for destroying itself and its owners, who insisted on working and continuing with it as it was. Here is another comment:
2. The regional and international peripheries (lit. 'margins' *hawamish*) were closed to the operational activity of the regional and international secret organizations, even the non-Islāmic ones, as a result of the emergence of the New World Order after 1990, and especially after September 2001. There were two camps; the Eastern and the Western, and inside the Western camp there were axes, the interests of states, and conflicts. This enabled insurgents in some of the regimes who were client states (lit. 'tails' *adhyāl*) of a particular international axis, to flee to the territory of a state belonging to another axis, and resume operational activity. Here, the secret organizations received support and felt secure. They created safe havens, flourished and became wealthy. In this manner, the insurgents against `Abdel Nāsser in Egypt on the Eastern axis, fled to King

Abū al-Ĥassan al-Miĥdār (far left)

Feisal in Saudi Arabia, which is on the Western axis. The opponents of Ṣaddām operated against him from Syria, as the Muslim Brotherhood and the Fighting Vanguard operated against the Syrian regime from Iraq and Jordan. The jihādīs, Islāmists, and political dissidents travelled from all corners of the world and roamed through many countries, obtaining political asylum and operating secretly across the borders... etc.

However, with the downfall of Russia, and the emergence of a unipolar system (America), most states, and especially the small ones, became client states of one pole imposing a single policy, so the peripheries between the client states and axes disappeared. Hence, the states, the political parties and the small powers lost those peripheries, and were compelled to follow the orders of the politics of the dominant regime on Earth. The weaker the state, secret organization, or front, the greater was the damage inflicted by this New World Order. One of the biggest losers in this turnover was the secret resistance organizations and the opposition parties, as they were forced to cease their activities, dissolve, surrender, or repent and make compromises with their governments.

The times have changed, and we must design a method of confrontation, which is in accordance with the standards of the present time.

Otherwise, the other option is to be wiped out. One of the most awful examples is what happened to the Kurdistan Workers Party [PKK] and its leader, `Abdullāh Öcalan. It is one of the strongest militant opposition parties in the world, and it has tens of thousands of fighters spread out in military camps and fronts in Turkey, Syria, Northern Iraq and Lebanon... and it has supporters in north-western Iran. Hundreds of thousands of Kurds in Europe, especially in Germany, provide the PKK with a certain share of their monthly income, revenues amounting to hundreds of millions dollars. It even has a number of satellite TV stations... etc. It is an organizational empire when it comes to the Islāmic jihādī organizations!

When the New World Order emerged, and Syria joined the American axis out of fear and greed, Syria wiped out the [PKK] camps in Syria and Lebanon against its will. The president [of PKK] was forced to emigrate to a number of countries, and then he was kidnapped in cooperation with the CIA, Mossad and the Turkish intelligence. Even Greece, Turkey's historical enemy, assisted in turning him over to Turkey. So the party was dissolved, and its camps were destroyed. America eliminated the remaining [camps] in Iraq, and at last, the ones who were left, declared that they would refrain from the armed option, and form a political opposition party according to democratic standards and the New World Order!! While its imprisoned leader could only hope to not be executed..!

Now the last example: The Irish Republican Army (IRA). It is a militant organization whose history and roots go more than 100 years back in time. It is one of the huge organizations, and it has bonds with Irish communities in America, and receives billions in aid from them. It had excellent training camps in the United States, as well as connections in terms of training and support with Western countries, like Algeria and Libya, and with a number of Arab leftist organizations... etc. When the New World Order emerged, and Great Britain joined the head of the axis of the American alliance, the Irish Republican Army was forced to accept a peaceful option. Its weapons were surrendered, it was dispersed, and the story ended!

These are some of the glaring examples before us, and there are others. If we did not take a warning from these, we can blame nobody but ourselves when 80% of our forces were eliminated in the repercussions of September 11th during two years only! In order for us to realize that our 'Torā Borā-mentality' has to end.

The times have changed, and we must design a method of confrontation, which is in accordance with the standards of the present time. So I repeat again... the main weakness is not in the structure of the secret organizations or their internal weaknesses, although they were underlying reasons. The main weakness is caused by the fundamental and revolutionary change of the times and the current premises, which has altered the course of history, the present, and consequently the future.

In the next edition of Jihādī Experiences, al-Şūrī details the school of open fronts in the pre-September world. He writes, "Thus, we are able to summarize by saying that the experience on the Fronts is regarded as a successful method of confrontation, when compared with the methods of the regional, hierarchical and secret organizations, which failed completely on all levels."

Guidance of Qur'ān Series: The 6 Calls of al-Anfāl

Shaykh `Umar Hussain

There are six calls throughout *Şūrah al-Anfāl*. After the battle of Badr, which was the first major confrontation between the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ and the disbelievers of Quraysh, this *Şūrah* was revealed. For that reason, this *Şūrah* is also called the *Şūrah* of Badr. In this *Şūrah*, Allāh ﷻ directs six calls to the believers using the phrase: "O you who have believed."

In the first call Allāh ﷻ says: **(O you who have believed, when you meet those who disbelieve advancing [in battle], do not turn to them your backs [in flight])** [al-Anfāl: 15].

The Muslim should be firm in battle and not retreat. This verse was later explained by another verse that commands the Muslims, if in a state of strength, to not retreat if one Muslim is facing ten of the enemy and in the state of weakness one Muslim should not retreat in the face of two from the enemy.

The second call: **(O you who have believed, obey Allāh and His Messenger and do not turn from Him while you hear [His order]. And do not be like those who say, "We have heard," while they do not hear. Indeed, the worst of living creatures in the sight of Allāh are the deaf and dumb who do not use reason)** [al-Anfāl: 20-22].

Obedience to Allāh ﷻ and His Messenger ﷺ is the key to all success. This is a general command for all Muslims but since this *Şūrah* is one that covers the topic of fighting in Allāh's cause, the command of Allāh to fight takes special significance in this context. Allāh ﷻ describes those who do not listen and obey His commands as being deaf and dumb. He describes them as being the worst of creation.

The third call: **(O you who have believed, respond to Allāh and to the Messenger when He calls you to that which gives you life. And know that Allāh intervenes between a man and his heart and that to Him you will be gathered)** [al-Anfāl: 24].

This is a command from Allāh ﷻ to respond to His call and the call of His Messenger ﷺ. Allāh says that this call is to give us life. He would not invite us to do what would harm us. All the commands of Allāh are for our good. The classical commentators on this verse say that the meaning of this *āyah* is that by following Allāh's commands and the *sunnah* of His Messenger ﷺ grants us a good and proper life. Some of the commentators however such as the scholar from the *Tabi`īn*, `Urwah bin al-Zubair, and one of the interpretations mentioned by Ibn Kathīr, al-Qurtubī and al-Shawkānī is that this *āyah* is specifically calling us to respond to the call of jihād because through jihād we attain life. This may seem ironic. How can life be attained through fighting, which puts the Muslim at risk of losing his life? How can war that brings death be a path towards granting life?

The explanation may lie in the words of these early commentators of the verse:

In *Tafsīr al-Qur'ān al-Adhīm*, `Urwah says, "it means war through which Allāh gave you honor after you were dishonorable, gave you strength after which you were weak, and gave you victory over your enemies after you were defeated by them."

Imām al-Qurtubī says in *al-Jāmi` fī aĥkām al-Qur'ān:* [regarding the verse] **(respond to Allāh and to the Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life)** "Jihād is life since it is the cause of life. This is because if you do not attack the enemy, the enemy would attack you, and that would lead to your demise and death. Additionally, death in jihād leads to the eternal life."

The fourth call: **(O you who have believed, do not betray Allāh and the Messenger or betray your trusts while you know [the consequence])** [al-Anfāl: 27]

This is a warning from Allāh ﷻ not to betray the Muslims by conveying information to the disbelievers. It is a warning for Muslims not to spy against Muslims. Giving intelligence to the disbelievers is a betrayal of Allāh and His Messenger ﷺ.

The fifth call: **(O you who have believed, if you fear Allāh, He will grant you a criterion and will remove from you your misdeeds and forgive you. And Allāh is the possessor of great bounty)** [al-Anfāl: 29]

The outcome of fearing Allāh is forgiveness from Him. He also grants those who fear him a criterion with which they can separate between good and evil. This is a light from Allāh in the heart of the believer that helps him see right from wrong, good from evil.

The sixth call: **(O you who have believed, when you encounter a company [from the enemy forces], stand firm and remember Allāh much that you may be successful. And obey Allāh and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allāh is with the patient)** [al-Anfāl: 45-46]

This final call lists five qualities: Standing firm, remembering Allāh ﷻ, obedience of Allāh and His Messenger ﷺ, avoiding dispute, and patience. These are the five ingredients of victory that we should all keep in mind.

These are the six calls of Allāh ﷻ towards the believers in *Şūrah al-Anfāl*. We ask Allāh ﷻ to make us of those who follow His commands.

Don't be Sad

Our brothers in the Movement of al-Shabab al-Mujahideen

Abū `Aṭṭā

Our brothers in the Movement of *al-Shabāb al-Mujāhidīn*:

Do not be sad when you do not hear from many of the scholars in the Muslim world and elsewhere a word of support or guidance, because they do not hear your news except from the media. It is their source of information and based on it they give their opinions that you know of.

Do not be sad O you who have established the *sharī`ah* of Allāh ﷻ when you see those who label themselves falsely as scholars betray you and try to divide your ranks. Because you have achieved in years what they thought was inconceivable and based on this false view they have established for themselves programs and wrong assumptions which have misguided many of the creation of Allāh ﷻ. Some of them think that establishing the rule of Allāh ﷻ cannot be achieved except through the ballot box which is approved by the UN. In their eyes, Islāmic rule and democracy are equal. Some of them believe we are in the Makkan stage and have therefore set for themselves programs that are limited according to the rules of Makkah. Others have joined you only to fall at the first test and then turned against you and betrayed you. Others stood against you for no reason but for envy and greed.

Be pleased because the disbelievers and apostates despise you and wish that they could sleep one night only to hear the news in the morning that you have been destroyed.

Do not be sad O you who have written with the blood of some of your best men an honorable legacy when you see the double faced Sheikh Sharīf receiving unlimited support because America is pleased with him, and when America is pleased with someone the rest of the governments of the world would be pleased with him, and if the governments are pleased with him then a great number of scholars would also be pleased with him, even though he only controls less than four square kilometers. However, you, who control most of the country and rule it according to the *sharī`ah* of Allāh ﷻ do not receive a fraction of the support which Sharīf receives because America and the International community are not happy with you. They are not happy with you because, among other things, you have stopped the work of missionary relief agencies and recently because you banned music from radio stations, which according to those scholars it is okay to listen to if you didn't play it yourself.

Be pleased O brothers because you have pleased the Creator by displeasing the creation, because your youth were firm when many others stumbled, because you have nurtured your path with the purest of blood, and because you fulfill the qualities of the victorious group whom are not harmed by those who betray them.

Be pleased because all of the sincere Muslims are with you, joining you in your moments of pleasure and your moments of difficulty and they wish they could carry you on their shoulders and say to the people:

These are my forbearers so bring me like them
O imposter, when we come together in gatherings

Be pleased because the disbelievers and apostates despise you and wish that they could sleep one night only to hear the news in the morning that you have been destroyed.

Be pleased and show this pleasure and have the masses join in this great celebration because you have become a principle bridge towards the establishment of the *Khilāfah* on the way of the Prophet ﷺ and you are a battalion in the army that would liberate the Aqsa Mosque.

Shaykh Anwar's Message to THE American People and Muslims in the West

All praise is due to Allāh and may peace and blessings be upon His Messenger Muĥammad, his family, and his companions.[1]

Peace be upon those who follow the guidance.

To the American people I say:

Do you remember the good old days when Americans were enjoying the blessings of security and peace? When the word 'terrorism' was rarely invoked, and when you were oblivious to any threats? I remember a time when you could purchase an airline ticket from the classified section of your local or college newspaper, and use it even though it was issued to a different name because no one would bother asking you for an ID before boarding a plane. No long lines, no elaborate searches, no body scans, no sniffing dogs, no taking off your shoes and emptying your pockets.

You were a nation at ease.

But America thought that it could threaten the lives of others, kill and invade, occupy and plunder, and conspire without bearing the consequences of its actions. 9-11 was the answer of the millions of people who suffer from American aggression. And since then America has not been safe. And nine years after 9-11, 9 years of spending, and nine years of beefing up security, you are still unsafe even in the holiest and most sacred of days to you, Christmas Day.

So do you expect to transgress against others and yet be sparred retribution?

Your decision makers: the politicians, the lobbyists, and the major corporations are the ones gaining from your foreign policy, and you are the ones paying the price for it.

Following 9-11, The American people gave George W. Bush, unanimous backing to fight against the *mujāhidīn*, and gave him a blank check to spend as much as needed to fulfill that objective. The result? He failed, and he failed miserably. So if America failed to defeat the *mujāhidīn* when it gave its president unlimited support, how can it win with Obama who is on a short leash? If America failed to win when it was at its pinnacle of economic strength, how can it win today with a recession at hand?

The simple answer is: America cannot and will not win. The tables have turned and there is no rolling back of the worldwide jihād movement. On the eve of 9-11 it was Afghanistan alone. Today it is Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Somalia, North Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, and the list is growing.

How many body bags are American families willing to

1 The following is a transcription of the Shaykh's message that was originally sent to CNN.

receive? How much more can the US treasury handle? 9-11, the war in Afghanistan and Iraq, and then operations such as that of our brother `Umar al-Fārūq which could have not cost more than a few thousand dollars end up draining the US treasury billions of dollars in order to give Americans a false sense of security. For how long can the US survive this war of attrition? What benefit is it to the American people to suffer for the sake of supporting Israel, and what benefit is it to the American people to suffer for the sake of the al-Saūd family and the gulf monarchs?

Our brother `Umar al-Fārūq `Abdul Muţţalib, has succeeded in breaking through the security systems that have cost the US government alone, over 40 billion dollars since 9-11.

Obama has promised that his administration would be one of transparency. But he has not fulfilled his promise. His administration, tried to portray the operation of brother Niđāl Ĥassan, as an individual act of violence from an estranged individual. The administration practiced a control on the leak of information concerning the operation in order to cushion the reaction of the American public. Until this moment the administration is refusing to release the emails exchanged between myself and Niđāl. And after the operation of our brother `Umar al-Fārūq the initial comments coming from the administration were looking the same: another attempt at covering up the truth. But al-Qā`idah cutoff Obama from deceiving the world again, by issuing their statement claiming responsibility for the operation.

However, we are transparent and open in proclaiming our message to the world. Our objective is to bring back Islām to life. We seek to remove the tyrannical and parasitical rulers of the Muslim world, and replace them with men of God, who know the difference between right and wrong, good and evil. We seek to apply the rule of Qur'ān and make the word of Allāh ﷻ supreme over all other, and God willing, we will strive to achieve these goals with all what we posses, and we will fight to the last man against whoever stands in our way.

We, the Muslims, do not have an inherent animosity towards any racial group, or ethnicity. We are not against Americans for just being American; we are against evil, and America as a whole has turned into a nation of evil. What we see from America is the invasion of two Muslim countries, we see Abū Ghraib, Baghram and Guantanamo bay. We see Cruise missiles and cluster bombs, and we have just seen in Yemen the death of 23 children and 17 women. We cannot stand idly in the face of such aggression, and we will fight back and incite others to do the same.

Niđāl Ĥassan was recruited by American crimes

I for one, was born in the US, and lived in the US for 21 years. America was my home. I was a preacher of Islām involved in non-violent Islāmic activism. However, with the American invasion of Iraq and continued US aggression against Muslims, I could not reconcile between living in the US and being a Muslim, and I eventually came to the conclusion that jihād against America is binding upon myself, just as it is binding on every other able Muslim.

Niđāl Ĥassan was not recruited by al-Qā`idah; Niđāl Ĥassan was recruited by American crimes, and this is what America refuses to admit. America refuses to admit that its foreign policies are the reason behind a man like Niđāl Ĥassan, born and raised in the US, turning his guns against American soldiers. And the more crimes America commits, the more *mujāhidīn* will be recruited to fight against it.

The operation of our brother `Umar al-Fārūq `Abdul Muţţalib was in retaliation to American cruise missiles and cluster bombs that killed women and children in Yemen.

It is true that we are facing the arsenal of the greatest army on earth with our simple modest means, but victory is on our side. Victory is on our side because there is a difference between us and you. We are fighting for a noble cause. We are fighting for God and you are

fighting for worldly gain. We are fighting for justice because we are defending ourselves and our families and you are fighting for imperialistic goals. We are fighting for truth and justice and you are fighting for oppression. You have your B52s, your apaches, your Abrams, and your Cruise missiles and we have small arms and simple Improvised Explosive Devices, but we have men who are dedicated and sincere, with hearts of lions.

And blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the world.

Americans need to stop looking at themselves from their own lens but look at themselves from the lens of the world. They will then see the ugly face of America. America is not despised only by Muslims but by many millions of people around the world and in America itself. America may be obstinate in believing that the animosity of a few million Muslims wouldn't really harm them. They would say we have the most powerful army in the world and we have the strongest economy in the world. But don't you think that such a belief is a bit outdated? Don't you think that such a belief was more suitable to days of patriotism that swept over America following 9-11 than it is now, with the American army admitting its inability, and the American economy going through intensive care? But imperial hubris is leading America to its fate: A war of attrition. A continuous hemorrhage that would end with the fall and splintering of the United States of America.

If George W. Bush is remembered by getting America stuck in Afghanistan and Iraq, it's looking like Obama wants to be remembered as the president who got America stuck in Yemen. Obama has already started his war on Yemen by the aerial bombings of Abyan and Shabwa. By doing that, he has waged a publicity campaign for the *mujāhidīn* in Yemen, and within days accomplished for them the work of years. As the popularity of the *mujāhidīn* in Yemen skyrocketed, the popularity of Obama in American plummeted.

The corrupt Yemeni government officials and some of the tribal chiefs who claim to be your allies are having a ball these days. The word being passed around among them is that this is the time to extort the gullible American. Your politicians, military and intelligence officers are being milked for millions. They are giving you big promises and handing you big bills. Welcome to the world of Yemeni politicians.

I would like to close my message to you with an invitation to Islām. We were all created by God on this earth to worship Him, and then after death it is either Paradise or Hellfire for eternity. So the matter is not one to take lightly. It is your future. I invite you to read the book of Allāh ﷻ, the Qur'ān. You do not have to take anyone's word for it; decide for yourself whether it is the truth or not.

To the Muslims in America I have this to say: How can your conscience allow you to live in peaceful coexistence with a nation that is responsible for the tyranny and crimes committed against your own brothers and sisters? How can you have your loyalty to a government that is leading the war against Islām and Muslims? The Muslim community in America has been witnessing a gradual erosion and decline in core Islāmic principles, so today many of your scholars and Islamic organizations are openly approving of Muslims serving in the US army to kill Muslims, joining the FBI to spy against Muslims, and are standing between you and your duty of jihād. Slowly but surely, your situation is becoming similar to that of the embattled Muslim community of Spain, after the fall of Granada.

Muslims of the West: take heed and learn from the lessons of history. There are ominous clouds gathering in your horizon. Yesterday, America was a land of slavery, segregation, lynching and Ku Klux Klan. And tomorrow it will be a land of religious discrimination and concentration camps.

Do not be deceived by the promises of preserving your rights from a government that is right now killing your own brothers and sisters. Today, with the war between Muslims and the West escalating, you cannot count on the message of solidarity you may get from a civic group or a political party, or the word of support you hear from a kind neighbor or a nice co-worker. The West will eventually turn against its Muslim citizens.

Hence, my advice to you is this: you have two choices: either *hijra* or jihād. You either leave or you fight. You leave and live among Muslims or you stay behind and fight with your hand, your wealth and your word. I specifically invite the youth to either fight in the West or join their brothers in the fronts of jihād: Afghanistan, Iraq, and Somalia. I invite them to join the new front, Yemen, the base from which the great jihād of the Arabian Peninsula will begin, the base from which the greatest army of Islām will march forth. The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said: «An army of twelve thousand will come out of Aden-Abyan and they will give victory to Allāh and His Messenger and they are the best between me and them»

In closing I pray that Allāh ﷻ guides us to the truth and grants us steadfastness on the Straight Path.

And may peace and blessings be upon His Messenger, his family and companions.

Shaykh Abū Basīr said:

There is no meaning to life when you see the Jews do all sorts of things to your brothers, women and children

Demonstrations must be followed by **explosions** and civil disobedience by **military rage**

And we must cut aid to the Zionist Crusade and kill those of the Crusaders whom we find on our land

And destroy the Western interests until Europe and America stop their support of the Jews and stop the killing there and order their agents, the treasonous rulers, to open the crossings to Gaza and Palestine.

Taken from, 'From here we start and in al-Aqsā we end,' Al-Malahem Media

THE FIGHT OVER THE MOUNTAINS

ADNĀN MUĤAMMAD `ALĪ AS-ṢĀ'IGH

Ten months before the September operation,[1] in the city of Kandahar, Allāh ﷻ blessed me with the chance to go to the frontline to fight against Aĥmad Shah Mas`ūd's army whereas many *mujāhidīn* remained behind in the training camps around the country. The journey was very rough since it was cold; I was with five *mujāhidīn* throughout this trip. Since the weather was bitterly cold, the Afghani people would stay in their homes most of the time. The Ţālibān were fighting two wars at the time; one in the North against Aĥmad Shah Mas`ūd, and the other against Dostum in the North East. The Ţālibān were having difficulty taking over the Hindu Kush from Mas`ūd. There were big battles in North Kabul against his army. Bensheer is the name of the city in the Hindu Kush Mountains; this was the city I was fighting in. This war was a war of *sharī`ah* versus the corrupt man-made laws; because of the man-made laws, people were worshipping graves, stealing from stores, and doing other criminal activity that made those parts of the country dangerous to reside in. In Kabul, there was very good security and peace because of *sharī`ah* rule. The Ţālibān took all of Afghanistan except Bamiyan, a *Shī`a* stronghold and Bensheer. The war with the *Shī`a* was difficult since they were using horses in the mountains; so it was difficult tracking them down.

Alĥamdullilāh, the *Amīr al-Mu'minīn* told us to put our trust in Allāh ﷻ and obliterate the idols with tanks in the name of Allāh. These idols were massive idols built in the mountains. Unfortunately, the tanks didn't destroy much of the idols; so the *muhājirīn* were called upon to dig small holes in the idols, insert TNT and blow them up in the name of Allāh. One of these idols that were blown up has been captured on camera and is currently circulating the internet. After the explosion, many `*ulema* around the world would come to Afghanistan, like Yūsuf al-Qarađāwī, and would say this is an awful thing, advising us to leave the idols alone.

Subĥān'Allāh! These `*ulema* came to defend *shirk* in the name of 'preserving history', and never came before when we needed their help to mobilize the *ummah* to support their Ţālibān brothers against the criminals. Mullah `Umar, may Allāh preserve him - a champion of *tawĥīd* today - told the delegates of scholars that they don't know this *dīn* and he refused to spend any more time with them. Before this, we had people coming from Japan, China, and India who would provide money and electricity if we left the destruction of the idols; we discarded their call and destroyed the idols because our religion ordains us to follow the *millah* of Ibrāhīm. The filthy Hindu *ţāghūt* told us that if we destroy the idols, they would take action and fight against us; *Subĥān'Allāh*! These *mushrikīn* wanted to wage war against us for the sake of a few helpless stones! Mullah `Umar didn't care and told them that we would fight against them for the sake of the Ever living, the One who needs none but everyone and everything depends on Him. After that, he ordered the slaughter of 100 cows to anger the Hindus, saying we believe in Allāh and disbelieve in *shirk*. When these days were occurring, rain would pour from the sky upon Afghanistan, giving the Afghans sustenance like never before. Such is the blessing of holding firmly to *tawĥīd* and making *barā'* against the *mushrikīn* and their *shirk*.

Coming back to the battle against Mas`ūd's army, the frontline against the *murtadīn* was a good thirty minutes drive from Kabul. There was a mountain there called Şābir; it was a strategic mountain as it was high enough to see the enemy's position as well as a major portion of Kabul. Shaykh Usāmah advised the Ţālibān to take this strategic mountain due to its importance in the war and they did just that. One day, the Ţālibān were strategically retreating from this mountain during a battle. We then saw the enemy coming towards it. We had only one tank on top which had a single shell that was weak. So we pushed the shell into locking position repeating, "*Bismillāh*, *AllāhuAkbar*," and eventually we shot the enemy. The enemy thought that our reinforcements came, and so they retreated. This was a mercy from Allāh ﷻ as the enemy was coming full-force up the mountain with both light and heavy weapons.

I and many other *mujāhidīn* remained on this mountain, doing *ribāţ*. After a few days, heavy snow fell upon Kabul; when we would wake up in the morning, we would see a beautiful white city. It was very cold to be on this high mountain, however, by Allāh's grace, we sat for a week;

1 Our brother Adnān gave us this wonderful opportunity to tell his story on life in jihād and to highlight some of the interesting events that took place in Afghānistān all the way to his imprisonment in Guantanamo. He was formerly prisoner 105 in Cuba. Today, he resides freely with the *mujāhidīn* in the Arabian Peninsula, waging jihād until martyrdom.

we had a variety of weapons readily available during *ribāṭ*. The enemy was about one kilometre from us; the fighting died down because of the snow. We remained patient and waited for the enemy. Eventually we were told to come down and travel to Karabagh; another *mujāhid* battalion replaced us for the *ribāṭ*.

The city of Karabagh had many *mujāhidīn*; our secondary forces were emerging from here. Baghram was what we had to cross; there was no safe straight road or path to take since the mines laid by the Soviets from the last war were all over the place; one had to just walk carefully, being mindful of the mines. I had to take this path to go to Karabagh. I remember two brothers that had lost their legs when crossing this area. One of the brothers that lost their legs was a Pakistani, Abū Usāmah ash-Shamālī; he was a daily sniper. One day when going to the enemy, he lost his leg when stepping on the mine. The second brother was Abū Usāmah ash-Shaybah; when he lost his leg, he was making *takbīr* with happiness on his face since he lost his leg for the sake of Allāh ﷻ. This place was very dangerous as the smell of death was all over. One would see many Bedouins with their animals dead on the ground because of this. As we crossed, we saw the graveyard of the tanks and rockets that were buried inside the ground by the Soviets; it was an amazing sight.

As we were nearing the city, we got word that in the *muhājirīn* camp of *ribāṭ* called *Markaz Sa`īd* in Karabagh, two brothers were martyred because of an accident. One brother was Ĥakīm al-Maghribī; he used to teach the brothers how to use the landmines. One day, he was showing them how to use it and accidentally forgot to use the detonator and manually turned on the explosive, killing him. The second is Abū Muş`ab al-Wahsh; he grabbed a sniper rifle and it accidentally shot him in the stomach, killing him; after his martyrdom, he had a big smile on his face. Whenever I had visitors come to me, I used to show them his beautiful picture of his martyrdom. May Allāh have mercy upon them both.

When we reached the city, we then travelled to North Afghanistan near the river of Jayhoun taking a plane from Kabul; this area is close to Uzbekistan. This was a military plane that was *ghanīmah* from the Soviet era; the backdoor of the cargo plane was opened during the entire flight. It was a remarkable and amusing experience. Finally, when landing, a brother came to greet us at the airport and took us to a base in Kunduz; we numbered over a hundred. After taking showers and having lunch we went to the frontline there. The frontline is in Kawajaghar. The car ride was approximately 5 hours. This was another fight against Mas`ūd's army. We drove across the desert, and crossed over a small town. At one point during the ride, there were at least 10,000 goats spread across the street as we were driving; the owners of these goats would ride on their horses. It was reminiscent of the old days of shepherding.

When we reached the place, we were next to a small river; the enemy was able to see us from the larger river close by, so we set camp further down the small river. This camp was the reinforcement. We were extremely dusty from the trip so we jumped in the river to swim. The enemy saw us and started shooting mortar rounds at us. There were three bases that we had; each base was two hundred meters apart. There were many spies in the area with walkie-talkies who were directing the enemy artilleries to our base. *Alĥamdullilāh*, the Ţālibān saw

them and arrested a number of them.

The actual battle was on top of a small hill near a waterfall. The Ṭālibān retreated strategically and the *muhājirīn* took their place. When the fighting started, the enemy had three tanks, large mortar rounds, and 12.7mm machine guns. One brother was martyred at the very beginning of the confrontation. The Ṭālibān had one tank set up for us. Our tank was very high whereas the enemy tanks were all below us in separate places. On one of the days of battle, we destroyed a tank near the river. The day after, our tank was destroyed and one brother inside was martyred. This was the brother that destroyed the first tank. The next day the brothers came with a truck that had a missile launcher attached to it; the brother operating the weapon was able to hit a tank; he retreated and shot again but missed. During this whole time, we kept rotating positions with other camps. Our *amīr* was martyred, Abū Ṭurāb al-Pakistani. Abū Ĥassan as-Sa`īdī - the one who appeared on an As-Sahāb film for a martyrdom operation - and Shaykh Abū Umāmah came to see us to assess what we needed.

After *fajr*, the enemy started to shoot at us with all weapons, with full power. Everyone took their positions to get ready for the enemy's advance. We successfully defended our position and the enemy had retreated. It was a war mortars and missiles more than anything else. One new brother, Abū `Alī al-Pakistani, gave his friend `Abdur Raĥmān al-Pakistani his last will. In the will, he wrote that he wanted to be buried in the place that he is killed. One of the *umara'* told Abū `Alī to get a match to light a fire in the kitchen. When Abū `Alī was walking on the road, he was killed by a mortar. The brothers gathered around his body and almost nobody knew who he was. A miracle we all witnessed was that when we tried to take his body back to the camp, there was a large bee stinging a few of the *mujāhidīn*. That's when we realized that in his will, he wrote that he didn't want to be taken anywhere when martyred, but to be buried in that same spot.

The truthful cannot be bargained with a price,
Just as men are made in times of sacrifice.

A look that bewildered the antagonists,
Has delivered glad tidings to the advocates.

Your boldness has been used for the religion's advance,
Opening the opportunity to meet your Lord as a victor.

Lessons are gained from men of your valor,
Permitting you to journey our combat as a sailor.

Consistent effort in devotion
Is the greatest notion known to man.

The more one stretches his faith in miles,
The greater is one's faith rewarded with trials.

As your tribulations amplify,
Let your tongue continue to magnify.

Your rank in Paradise will be one of progression,
As the fire envelops your enemy in regression.

Thus persevere with drive,
And you will wake up revived, under Paradises' shade.

Tighten your fists in the face of Allāh's foe,
As we prepare to give our enemy another blow.

**Dedication to `Umar al-Fārūq,
may Allāh free him**

« اللهم فك أسرى المسلمين »

O Allah, Free the Muslim Prisoners

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O Allah, Free the Shaykh / Abu Qatadah al-Filistini
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O Allah, Free the Sister / 'Aafia Siddiqui
O Allah, Free the Sister / Colleen LaRose
O Allah, Free the Brothers / 'The Toronto 17'
O Allah, Free the Brothers / 'Fort Dix Case'
O Allah, Free the Brothers / 'The North Carolina plot'
O Allah, Free the Brother / John Walker Lindh
O Allah, Free the Brother / Daniel Manalnado
O Allah, Free the Brother / 'Abdul Hakim Mujahid
O Allah, Free the Brother / Fahd Hashmi
O Allah, Free the Brother / Tariq Mehenna
O Allah, Free the Brother / Irhabi 007
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O Allah, Free the Brother / Sharif Mobley
O Allah, Free the Brother / Faisal Shahzad
O Allah, Free the Brother / Walter Barry Bojul
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O Allah, Free the Brother / Muhammad Alessa

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